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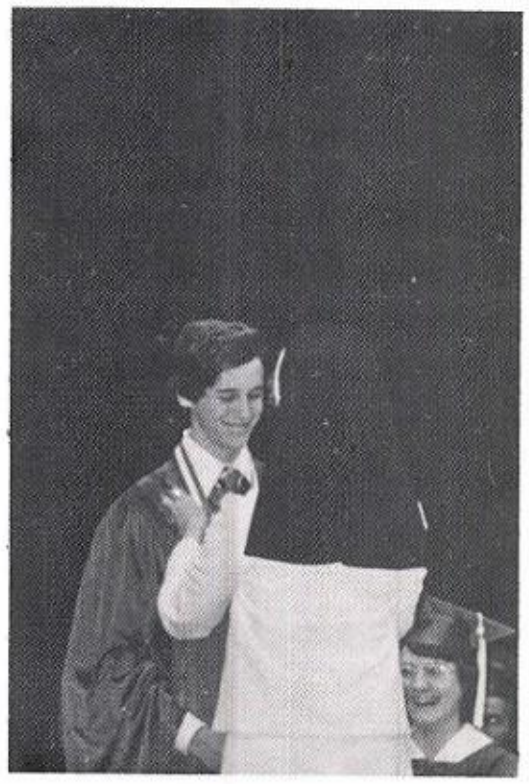

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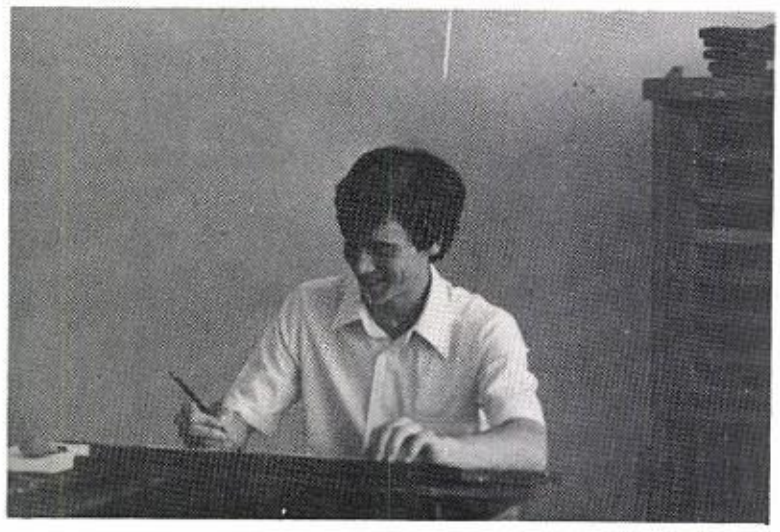

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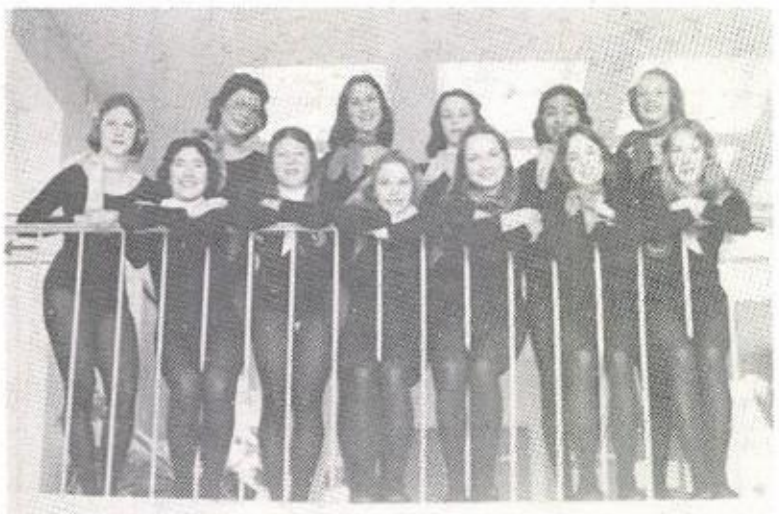

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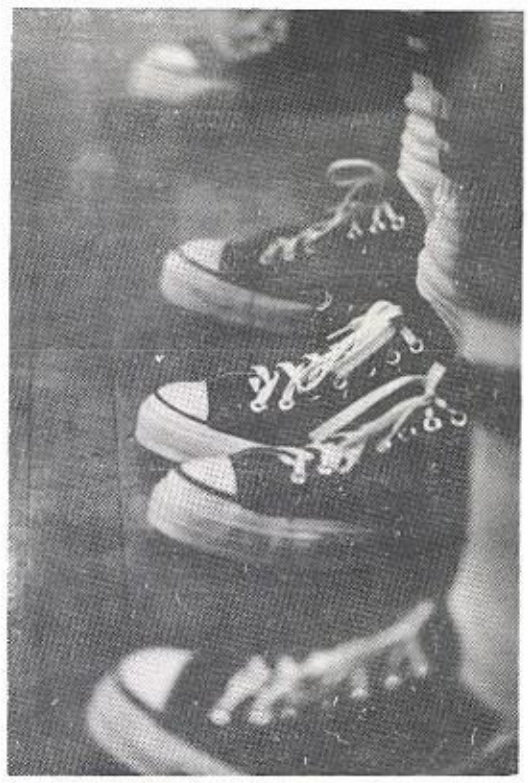

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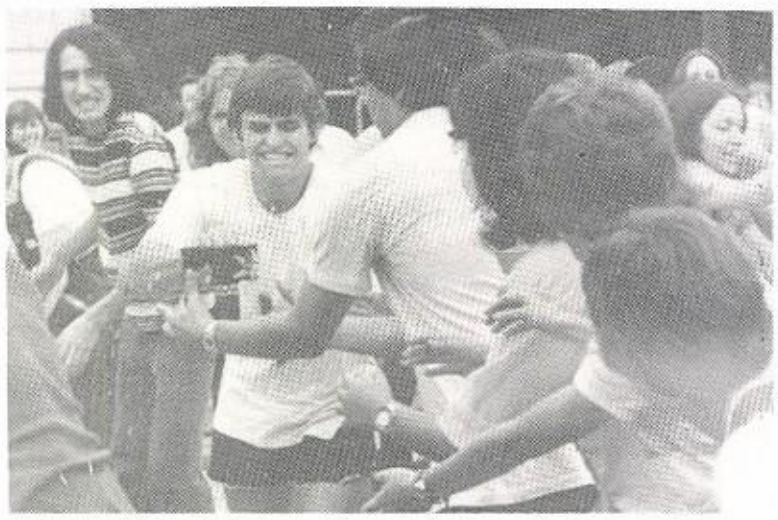

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Dedication

St. Joseph High School, now co-educational, continues to offer a program which centers on academic excellence and Christian ideals.

We, the annual staff, dedicate this 1976 EXCELSIOR to St. Joseph's in its continued quest for excellence and to all who have supported this institution giving young people the opportunity for a Christian education.

On May 23, 1976, the first female students in St. Joseph history graduated from the school – the first of many to come. In past years, the girls had always graduated from Nazareth Academy and the boys from St. Joseph.

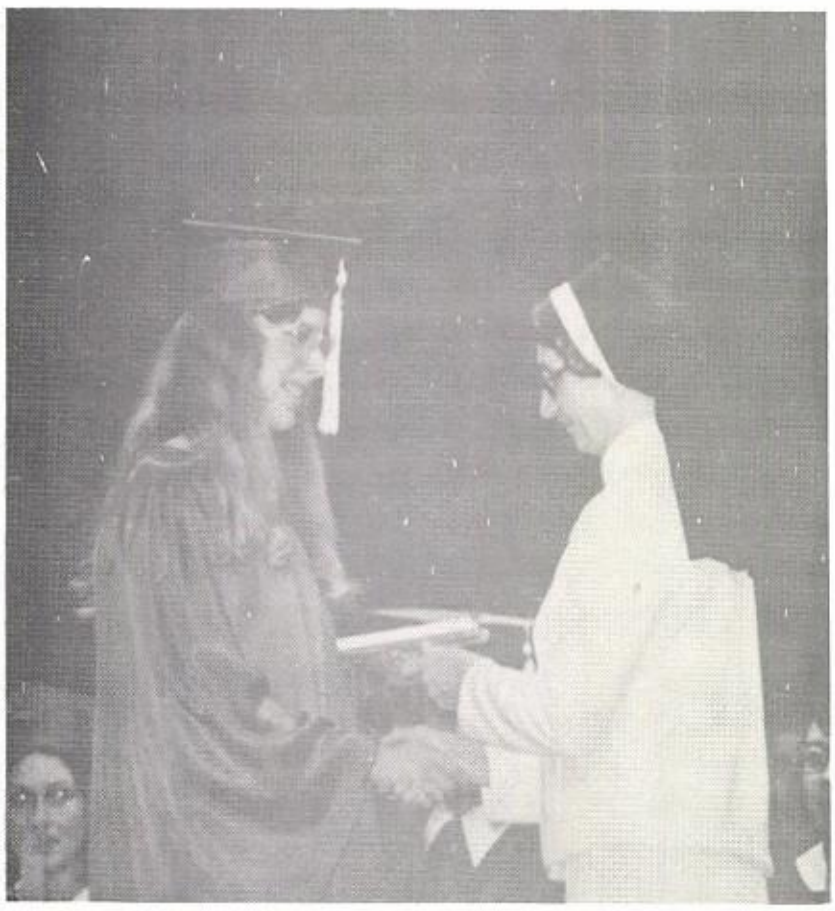
The decision to consolidate was confirmed by Thomas Marion O'Connor, board chairman, on Thursday, January 15, 1975, at a meeting of St. Joseph Schools, Inc. The board acted on a request by Mother Perpetua, superioress of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Order, who said her order would no longer be able to support a high school program at Nazareth Academy and asked the St. Joseph directors to accept a plan of consolidation.

A group of alumni and supporters of private education launched the effort to support St. Joseph financially, through the St. Joseph Endowment Fund. The fund drive's goal is $750,000 to be put into a bank account in order to draw enough interest to cover the high school's operating deficit. At printing time, the drive had netted over $600,000.

Spearheading the overall campaign effort are District Judge Joe E. Kelly, Dave Lack, and Mrs. Sandra Williams, together with project coordinators: Bill Beck, Mrs. Corinne Freeland, Ed Hiller, and G. C. Pittman.

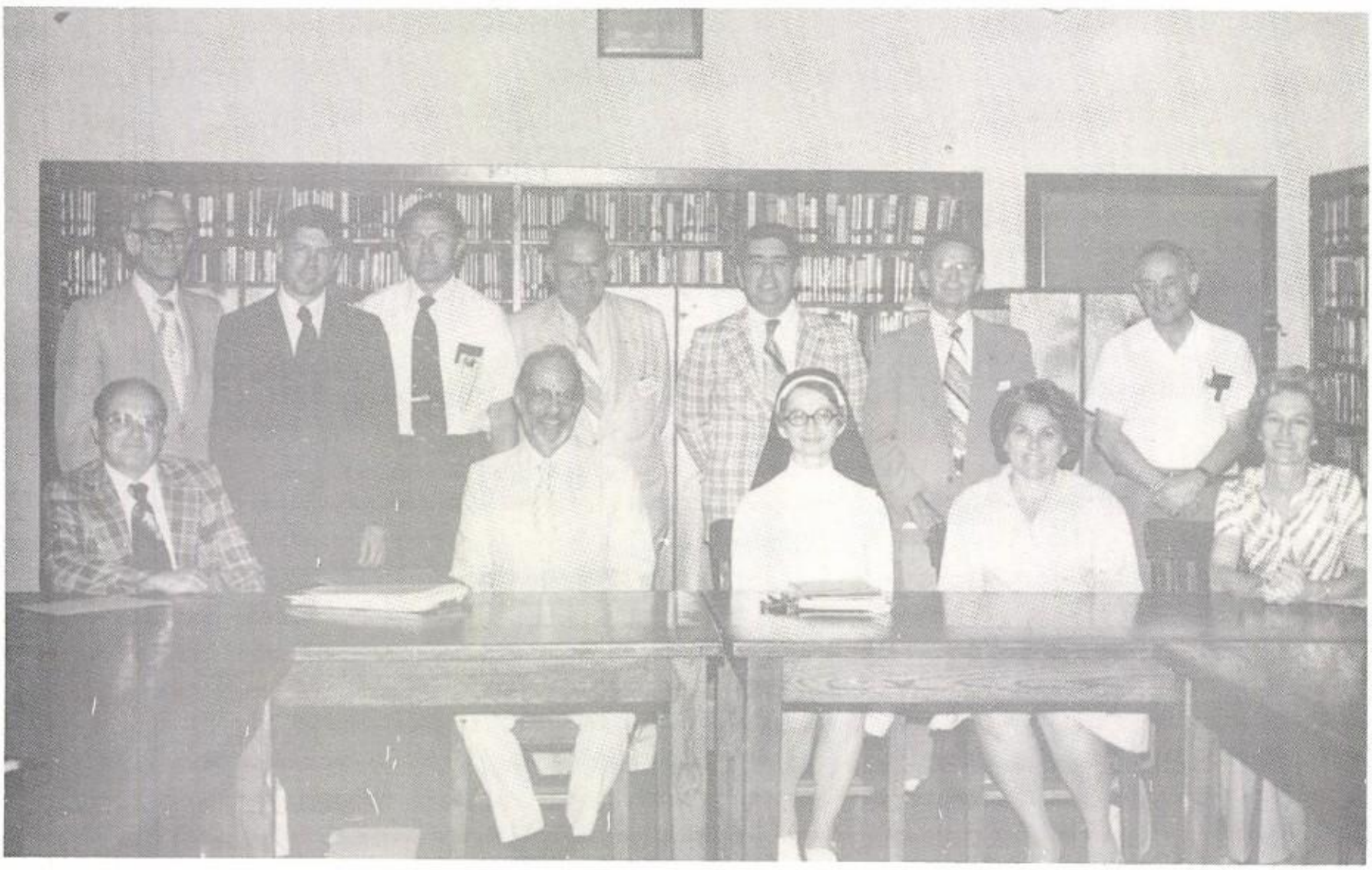
In the wake of this new endeavor, the Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs financed new construction on campus and supported the girls' drill team and sports contingent. New shower rooms, dressing room facilities, and uniforms were supplied for the girls, while the boys were allowed a new set of weight machines and new football uniforms.

Board of Directors



Principal Sr. Alberta Novosad with Salutatorian Mary Ann Gohlke.

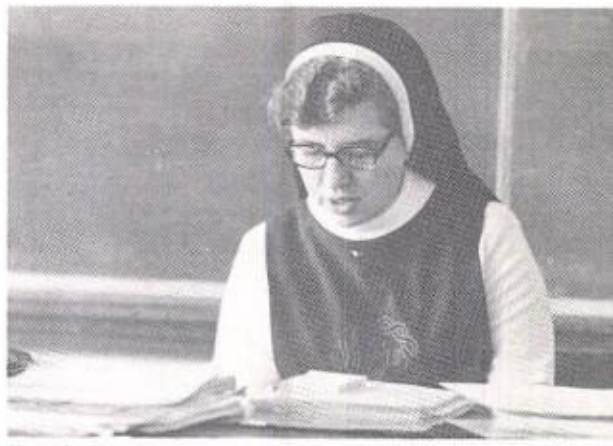
Father's Club President Mr. Kemper Williams with Board President Mr. Robert Dunn.



St. Joseph High School Board of Directors. Standing: Mr. Joe E. Wearden, Mr. Joseph P. Kelly, Mr. Bill Beck, Mr. Charles S. Hanley, **Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr.** G. C. Pittman, and Mr. Leo Welder. Seated: Mr. Albert Harrison, Mr. Robert P. Dunn, Sr. Alberta Novosad, Mrs. Henry R. **Schaar, and Mrs.** Dennis Williams.

Brother Sean during a recent assembly. He taught Biology I and II and was Freshman sponsor.

Looks like our photographer caught Mr. Boyle in a good mood. Mr. Boyle, Sophomore sponsor, taught English I and II, and Theology II.



Don't let Sister Ernestine's scholarly look fo you, folks! Between the covers of that gramm volume there's actually a paperback joke boo This year Sr. Ernestine, a Senior sponsor, taug English III and IV and Guidance III.

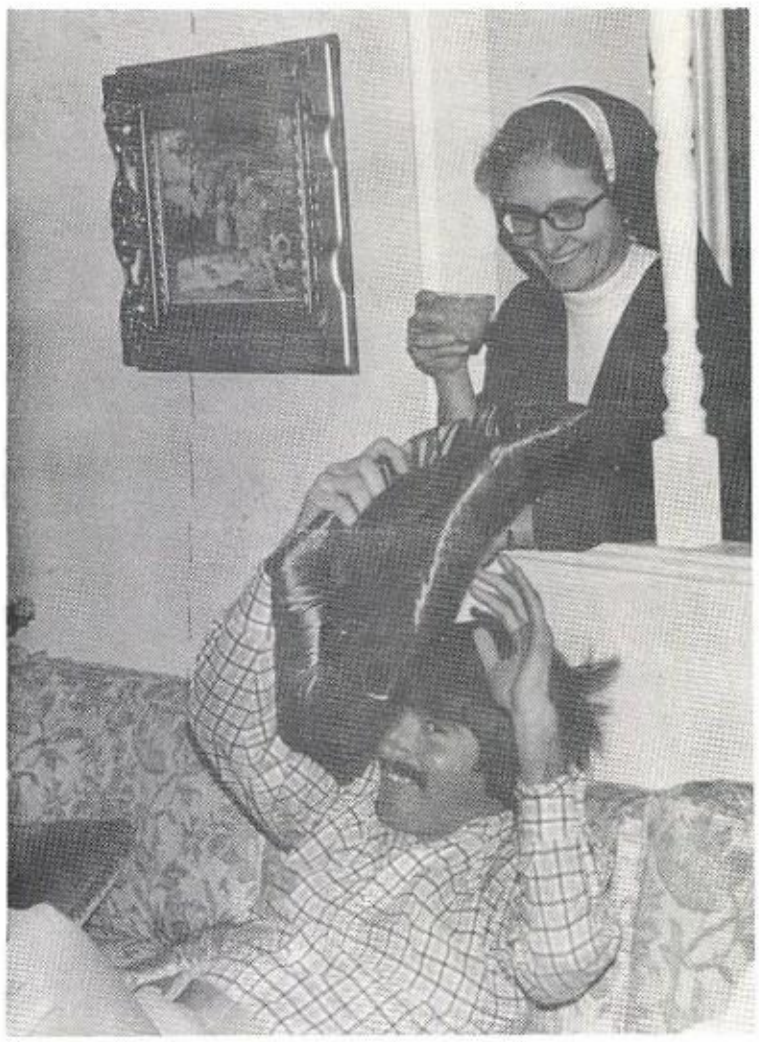
No matter where we go or what we do, Mr. Poz is usually on the scene. He was J.V. baseball coac Junior sponsor, Student Council Sponsor, a taught Algebra II, Analysis, Physics, Mechanc Drawing, and Computer Science.

Sister Jo Lynn. Her services as scorekeeper were much in demand during the basketball season. Sister taught Chemistry, Guidance II and Journalism.

Typing teacher Ms. Rita Beck. Boy, she gives mean looks when you mention you broke her favorite typewriter. Miss Beck also taught Consumer Math and Shorthand.

Coach Tibiletti was really happy after the footb Flyers captured the district crown. Coach taug Business Law, Economics, Consumer Math, Boo keeping.

Coach Hannon relaxes during the Christmas party.



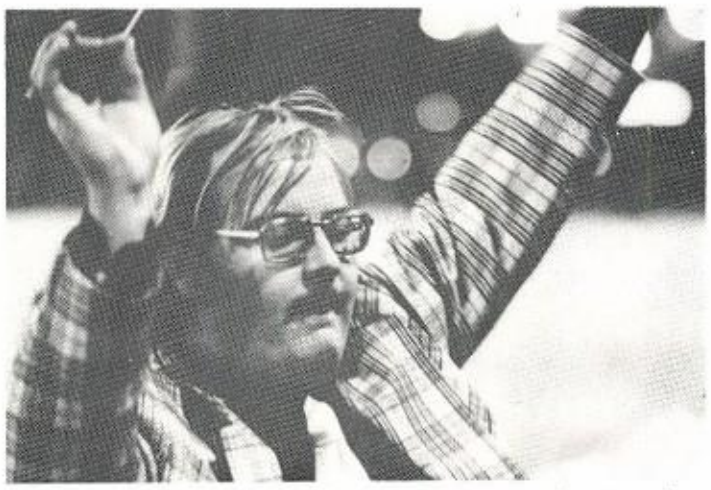
Sister Odilia and Coach Hannon clowning at the Christmas party.

The faculty helps themselves to the food and fun at the Christmas party. From left to right: Mrs. Steve Tibiletti, Mrs. Hoffer, and Sister Alberta.

Mrs. Alma Daly, School librarian, chats with a student in the library. Mrs. Daly also supervised her daughter Ruth in the afternoon. Some job!

Mr. Boyle, Coach Pauley, and Sr. Odilia partake of the feast at the faculty party.

Mrs. Heiling enjoying the faculty party. Mrs. Heiling is a secretary at St. Josephs.



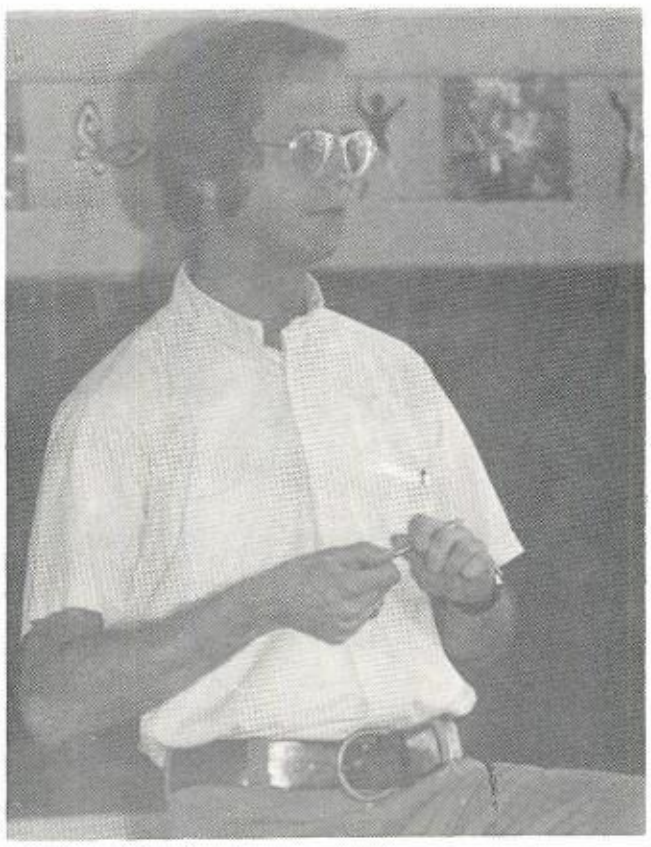
Band Director George Matthews commands attention.

Sister Mary Ellen at an outdoor event. Sister kept in touch with the U.T. situation via her trusty radio. Neither Bear, Red Raider, nor maroon-est Aggie shook the faith of the biggest Longhorn fan at STJ. Sister Mary Ellen taught Theology I, English III, and American History and was sponsor of the Junior Class and Starlighters.

Sister Odilia keeps herself occupied during a long bus trip. Sophomore Class and Cheerleader sponsor, Sister Odilia taught Theology IV and Spanish I, II, and III.

Looks like Lorenzo is having another one of his blast evenings. He was an assistant coach in football and referee for basketball games.

Coach Ed Shinn at the Band-Starlighter Banquet. He coached the track team to state.



Brother Sean J. Donohue, Freshman class sponsor, also taught Biology to three different classes.

Coach Terry Hannon. Coach Hannon led the basketball team to a three-way district deadlock. Coach also taught Health and P.E.

Members of the cafeteria staff, besides serving hot lunches every day, had to keep the cafeteria in clean, good shape.

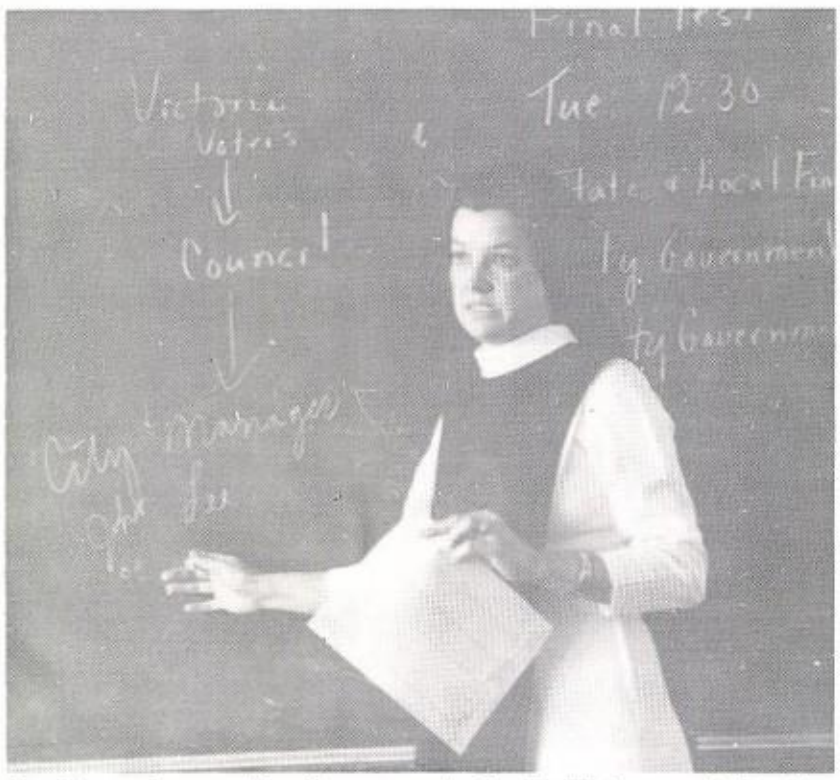
Mrs. Lillie Mae Scherer, coordinator of the cafeteria, collected the money and planned the hot lunches served to the students.

This shot of the cafeteria staff shows the hard work given in preparing meals.

Mr. & Mrs. Denny Pauley. Coach Debbie (Nelson) Pauley's wedding was one of the brighter events during the school year.

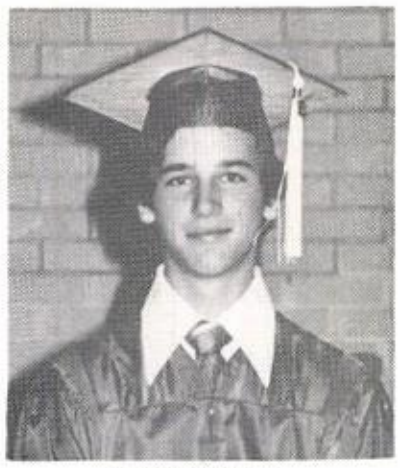
Oh, Mrs. Smith!! What are you doing in this closet with that razor blade?!! Obviously, the job of school secretary is strenuous and nerve-wrecking.

Mrs. Hoffer taught Geometry and Algebra I to the students this year.

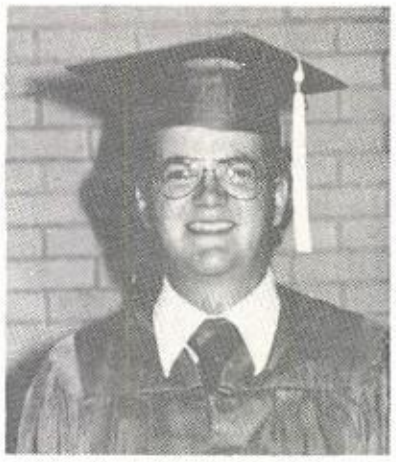


Sr. Bernarda was the Government, World History, and Reading Improvement teacher this year. She also coordinated and supervised Bicentennial Day.

Senior Class of '76



Roger Welder
President

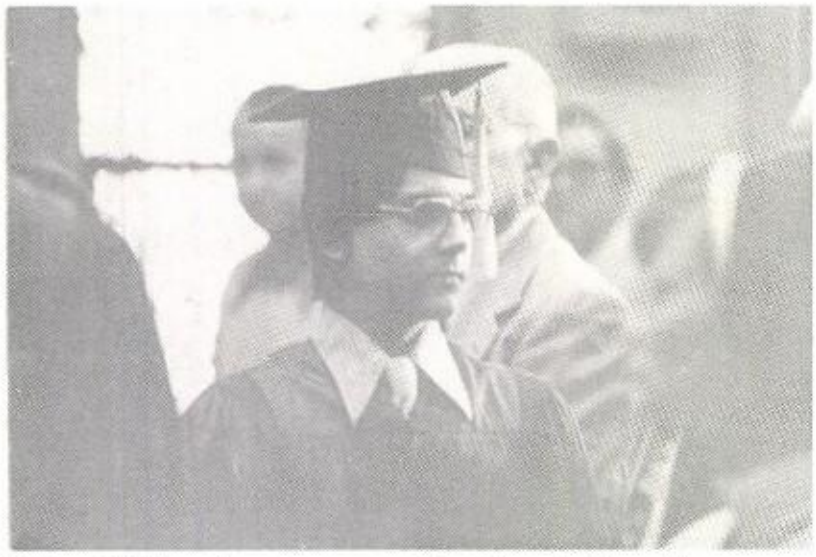


Frank Tibiletti
Vice-President

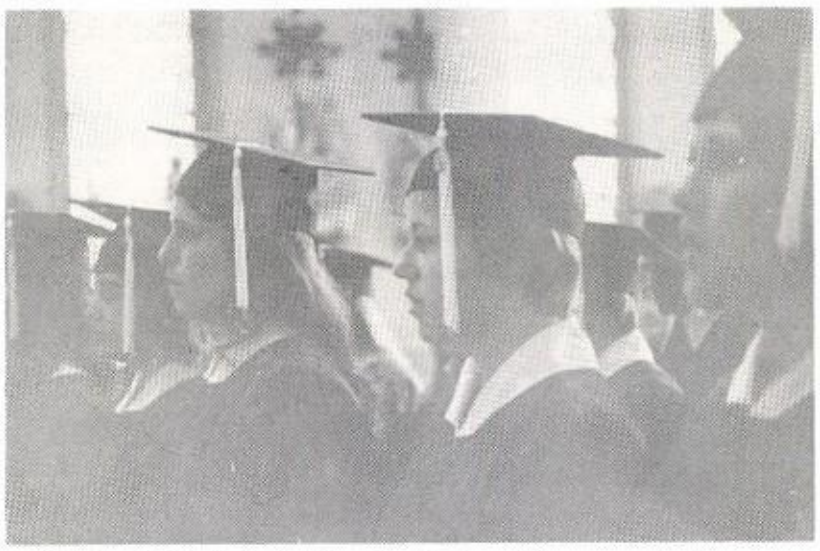
Frances Ward
Secretary

Julie Sartor
Treasurer

The STJ Bicentennial Class of 1976. (They should be; it took 'em 200 years to graduate.)

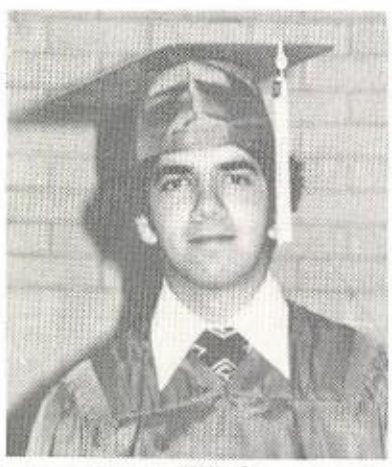


Relax, Willie: only one more week and you're through.



Left to right, Antoinette, Katherine, Grace, and Denese at Baccalaureate services at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Denese Martin
Student Council



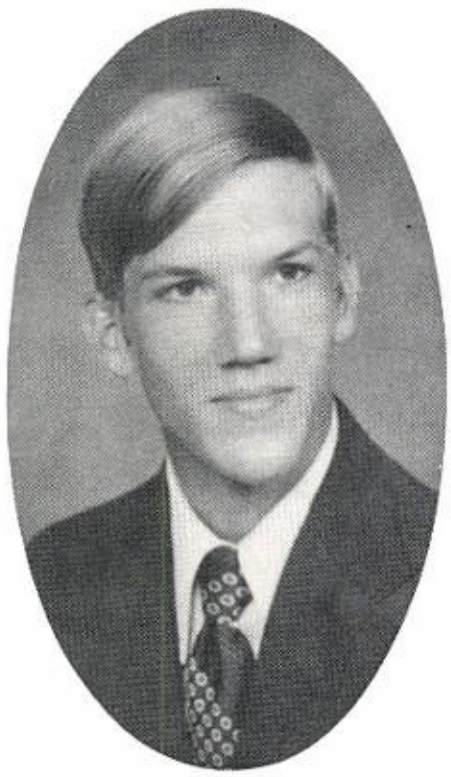
James Villaffanca
Student Council

Molly Stevenson
Student Council

Geraldine Adamcik

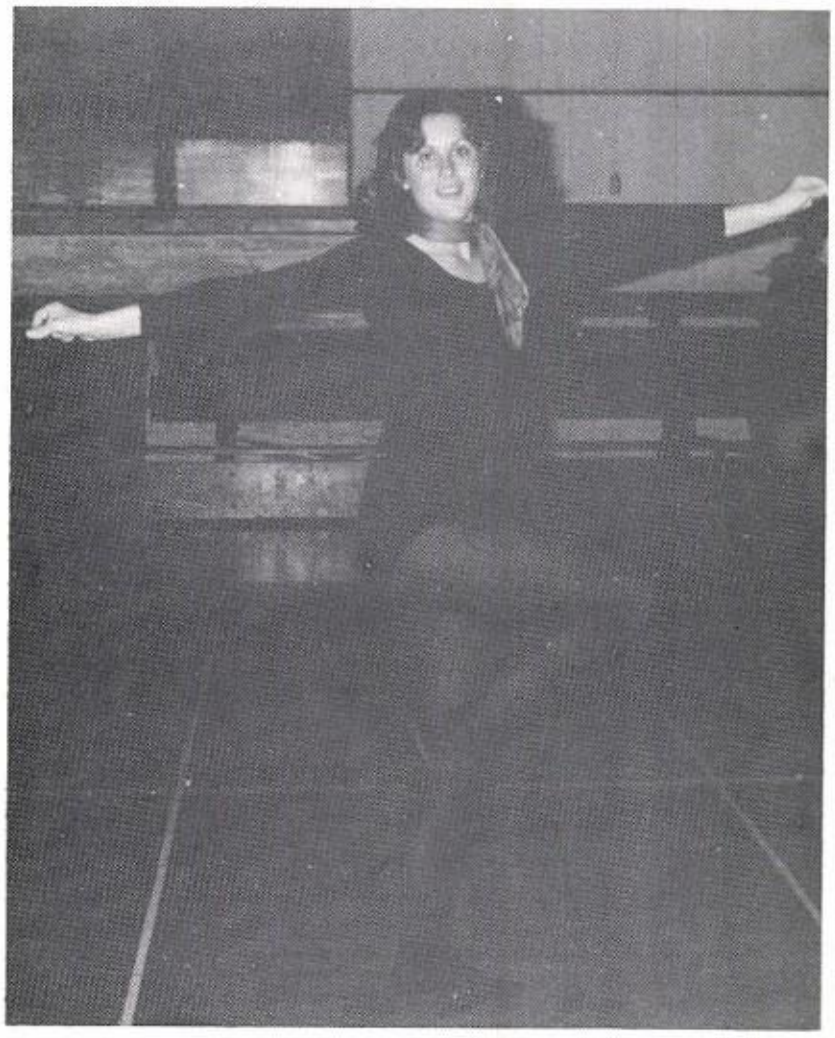
The real Dennis Baros, complete with his locks of blond hair, was never found in a classroom.

By the look in her eye, you'd think that Geri is really involved in this class. Not really, she's just thinking about this summer and the beach!



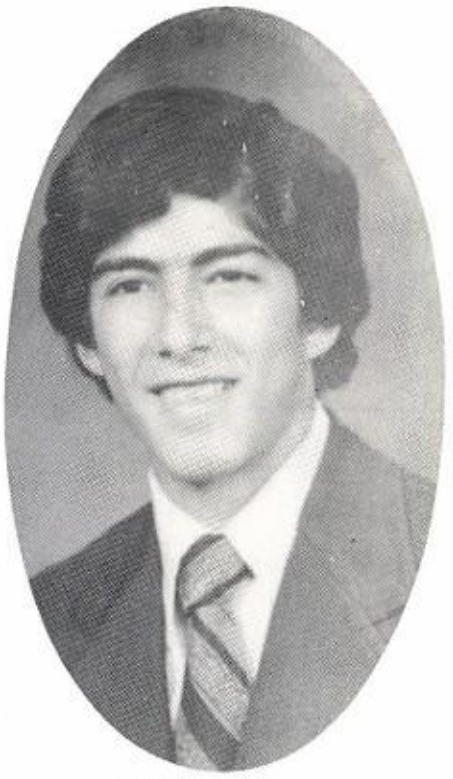
Dennis Baros

Donna Caraway

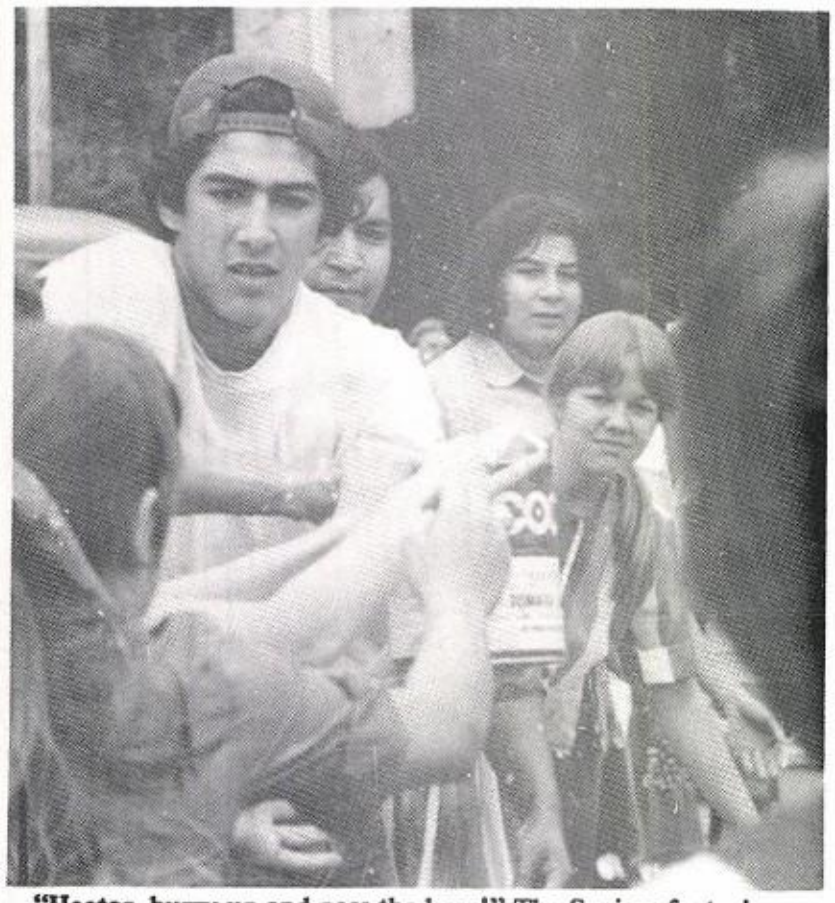


Donna Caraway during the jazz routine at the Spring Show.

Man, that Debbie is really something!! It doesn't even bother her that she still has 45 minutes left in this class.



Michael Cavazos



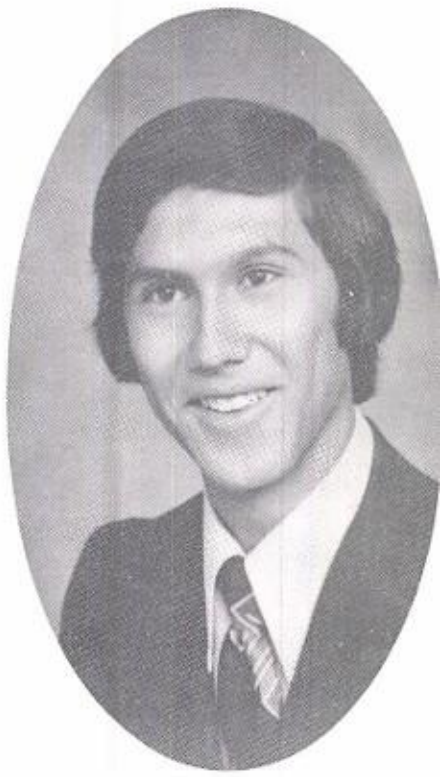
"Hector, hurry up and pass the beer!" The Seniors featuring Cavazos.

Debbie Conti

Boy! That Mullino is really makin' the rounds! First it was with Molly at Homecoming, now it's Mel at a Senior party! Does Royce know about this?

Melanie Enke

Break time is always spent in conference with your friends (or relatives).



Ernie Escalante

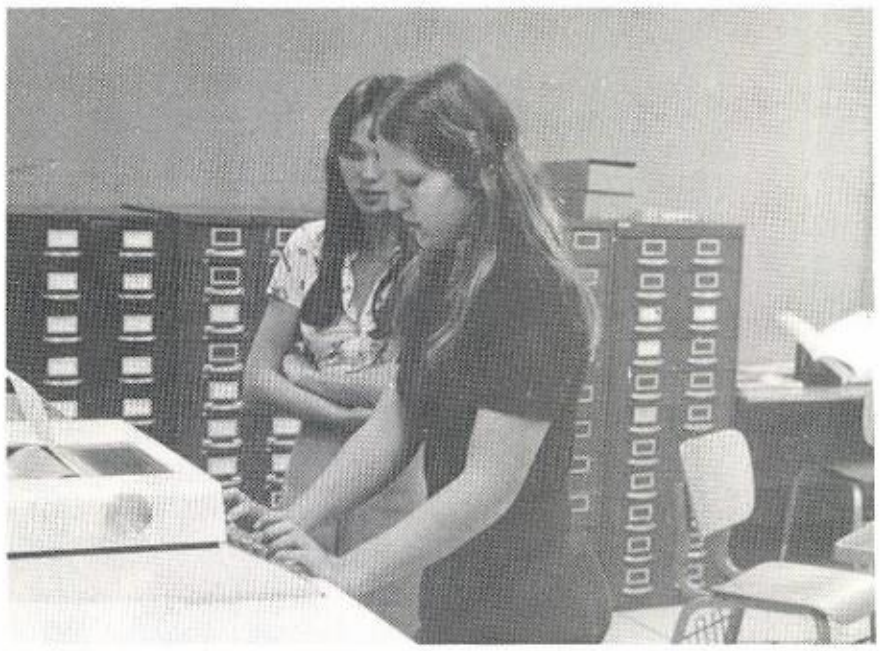
Antoinette Gleinser

Wonder what Mary Ann is smiling abou in the weeds out in the middle of no where?!!

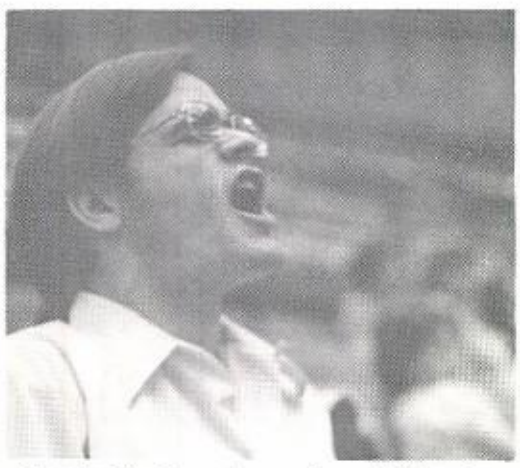
Mary Ann Gohlke

Antoinette during one of those quiet class days.

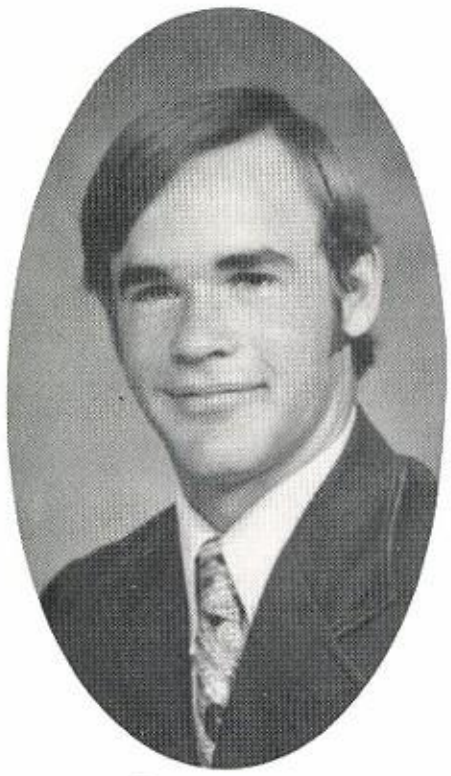
Catherine Hiller



"You know, Frances, this has got to be the weirdest typewriter I've ever seen!" Katherine Goldman at the keyboard.

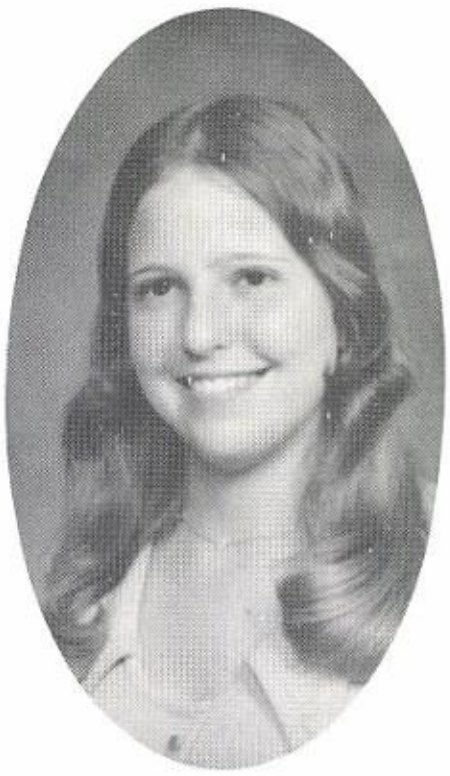


Frosty Hanley cheers the girls' basketball team on to victory at the State Basketball Tourney in San Antonio. Can anybody remember when Frosty didn't say something?



Frosty Hanley

"Molly, will you open your eyes and pull?" Catherine Hiller and Molly Stevenson during Bicentennial Day.

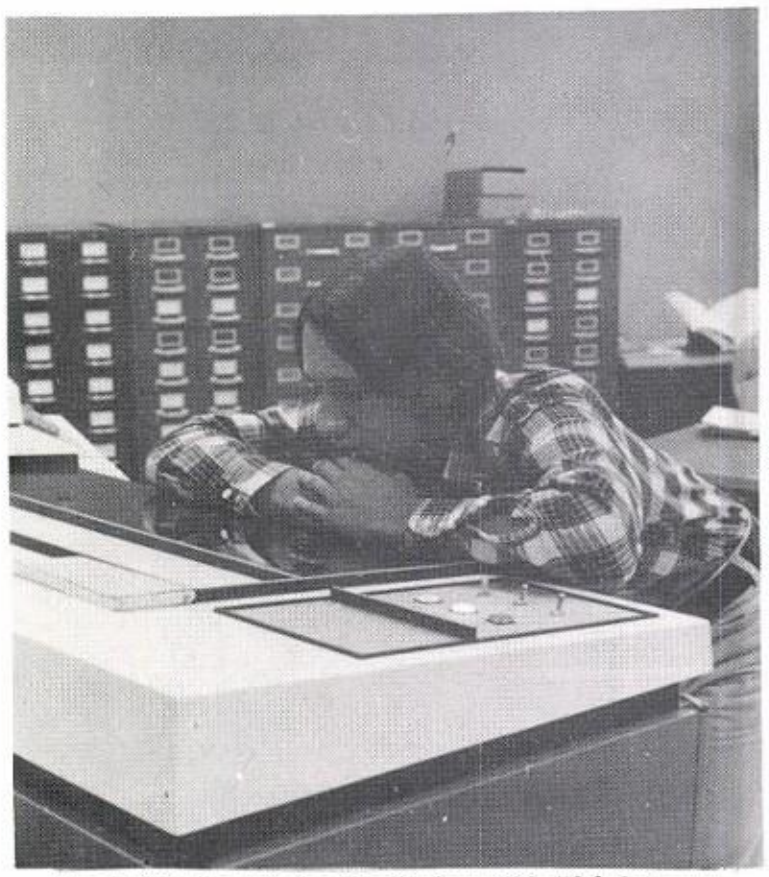


Katherine Goldman

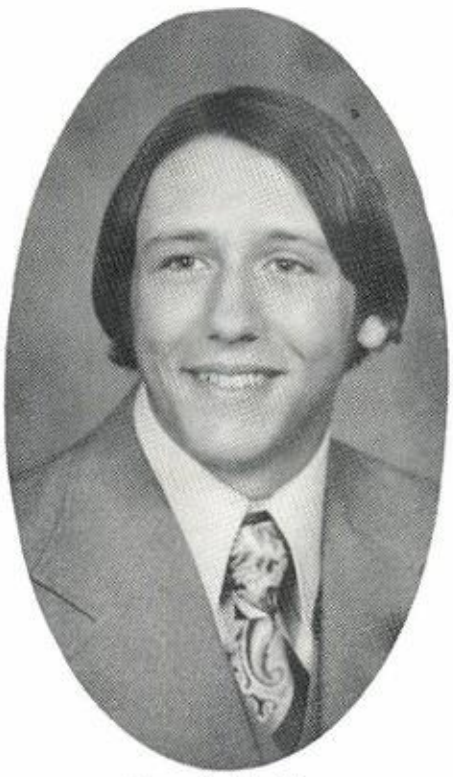
Mary Grace Kalinowski

Whoever told that joke had better run it back again for Laney.

Laney Kelliher



Looks like Lonnie has finally found his life's interest.



Lonnie Koehl

Grace Kalinowski relaxes during a Senior party.

l, Denese, you know what they say, there's only one thing gher than figuring out Senior exams; it's figuring out the k's cafeteria menu.

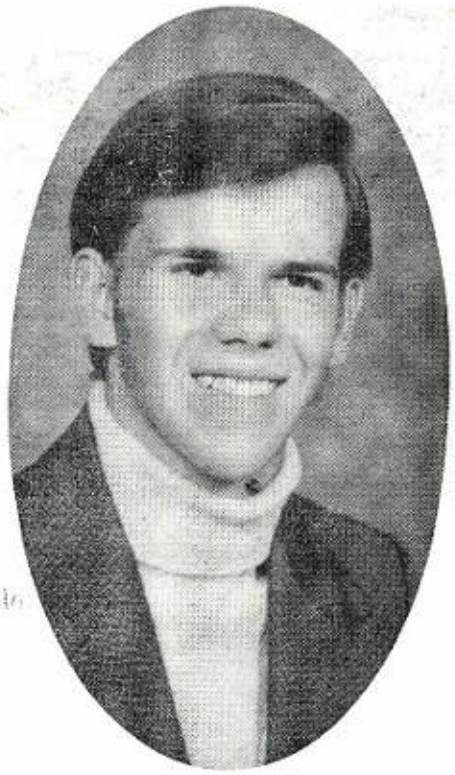
Looks like Cavazos is interested in Sr. Ernestine's explanation of English IV.

Don't feel bad, Ronnie! Looks like Laney doesn't believe a word of it either.

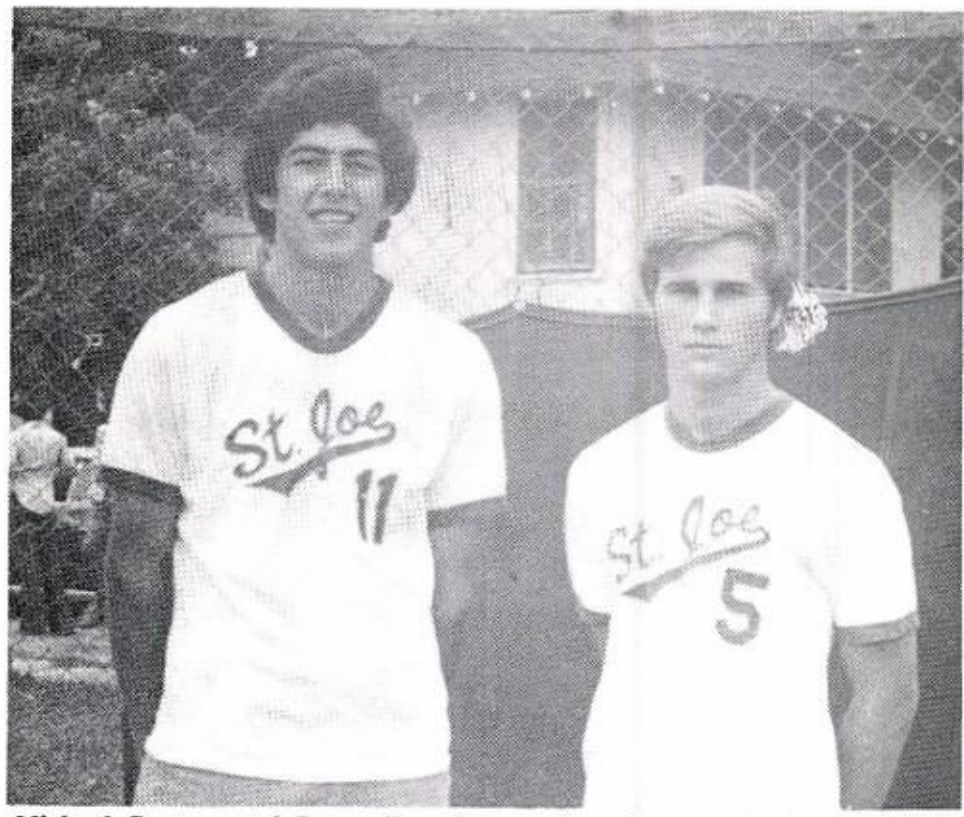
Denese Martin

Looks like Linda is the only one who didn't get the joke.

Linda Mullino

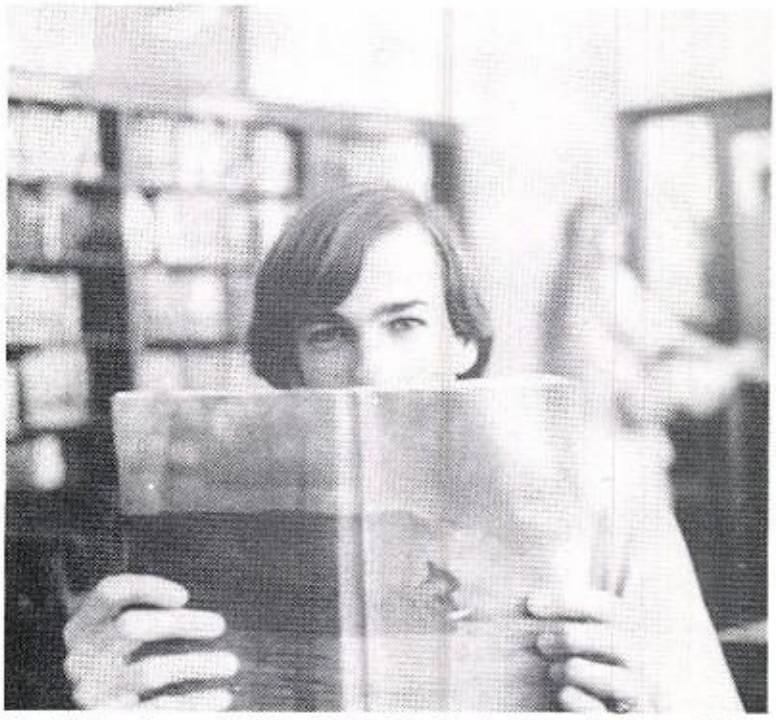


David Pounds

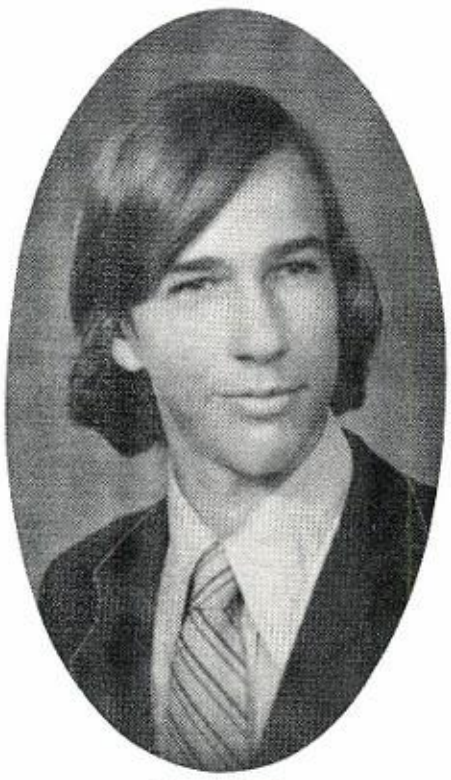


Michael Cavazos and Bryon Pantel were the only returning Senior lettermen on the baseball team this year.

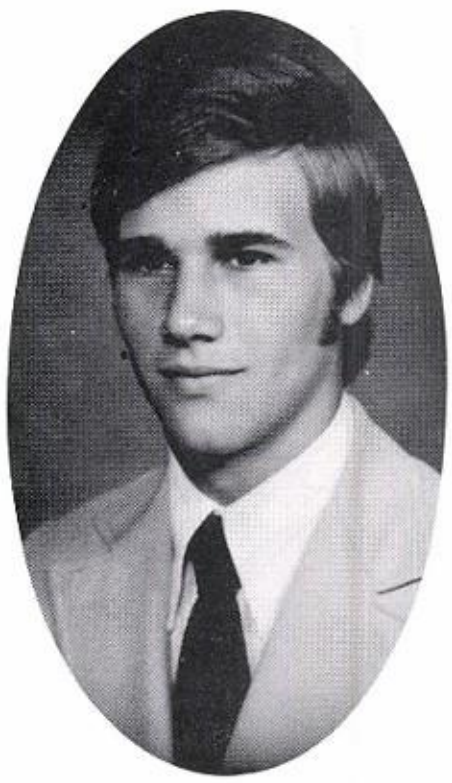
David Pounds is probably drawing the design on his dream house.



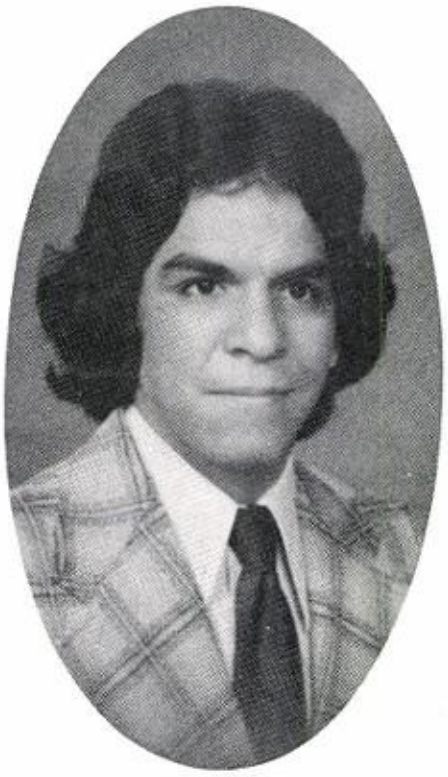
Don't be alarmed, folks, Pribyl isn't studying; he's just hiding his mouth while munching out.



Lee Pribyl

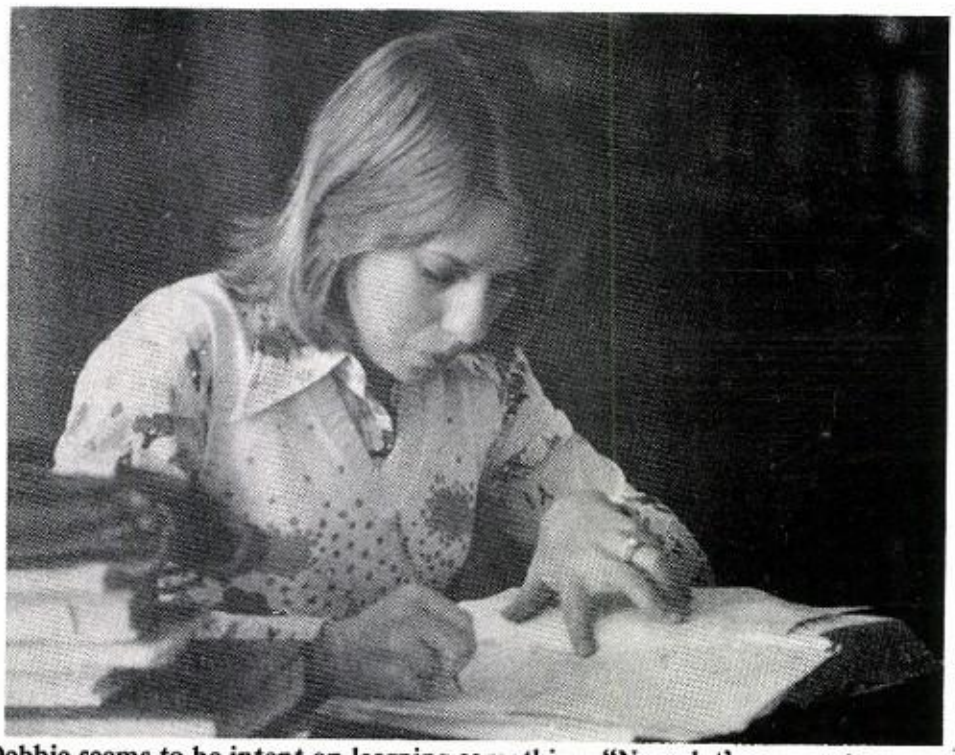


Bryon Pantel



Robert Soto

Julie Sartor



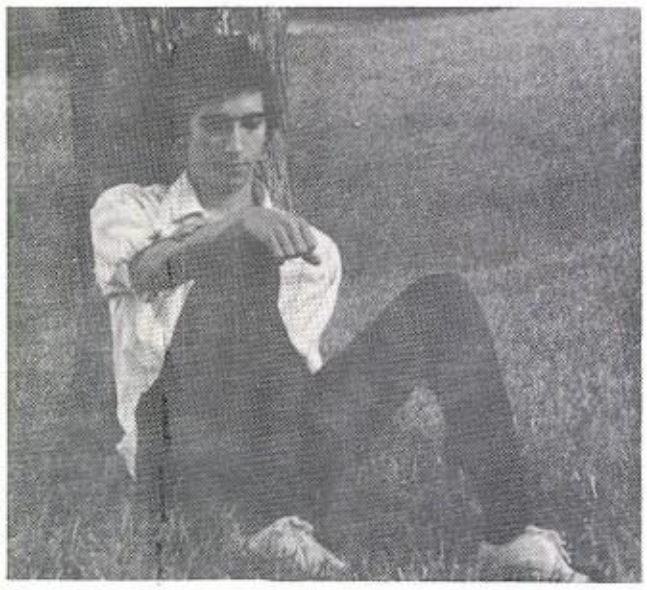
Debbie seems to be intent on learning something, "Now, let's see . . . two cups of flour, a little baking soda . . . "

Well, what do ya want, Soto? Good annual or good taste?

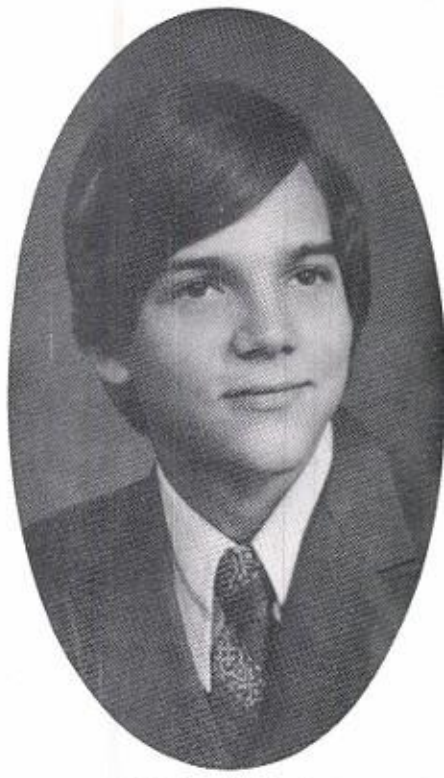
Looks like somebody named Welder better take back whatever he said or somebody named Julie is going to rearrange his face.

Debbie Schaar

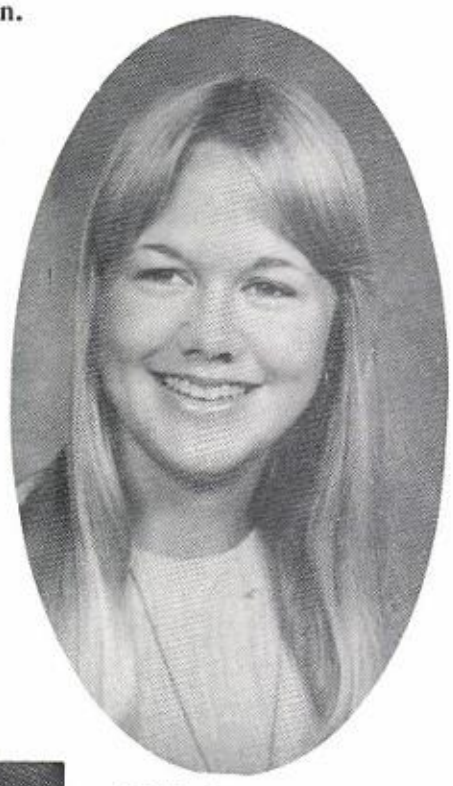
James Stathis



Class Valedictorian Jim Stathis takes some time out from his strenuous activities to "bag some Z's." Jim, in addition to his tough academics schedule was school photographer and Band Captain.

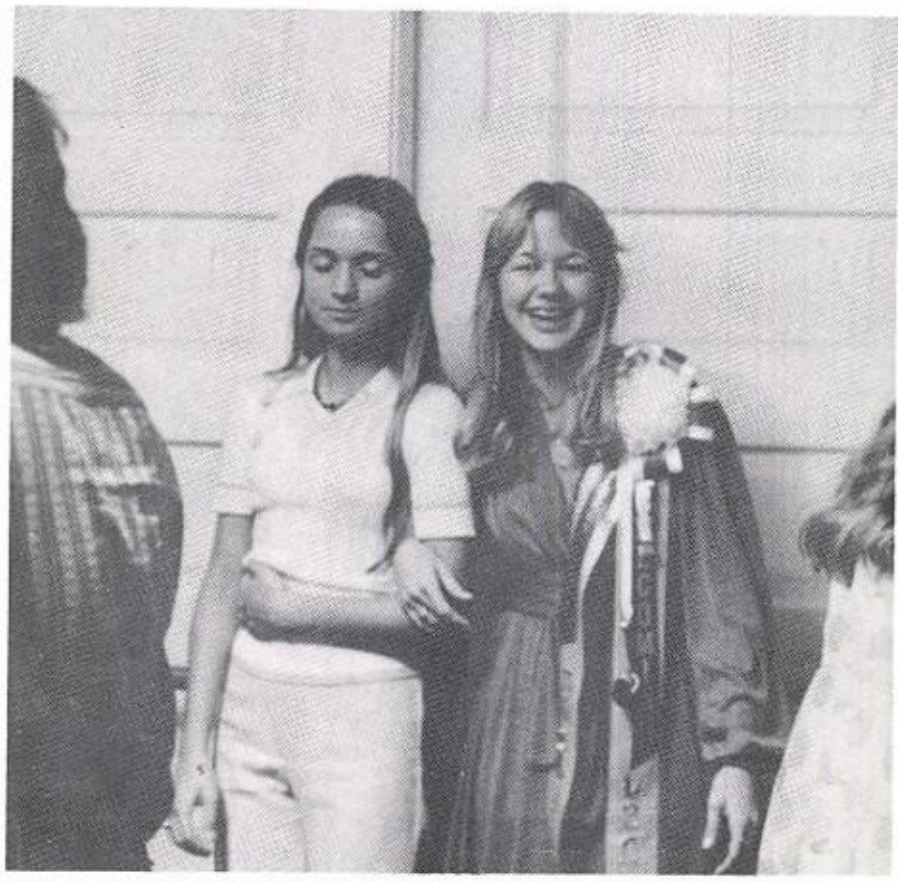


William Tagliabue



Molly Stevenson

Willie in another one of his comprehensive moods.



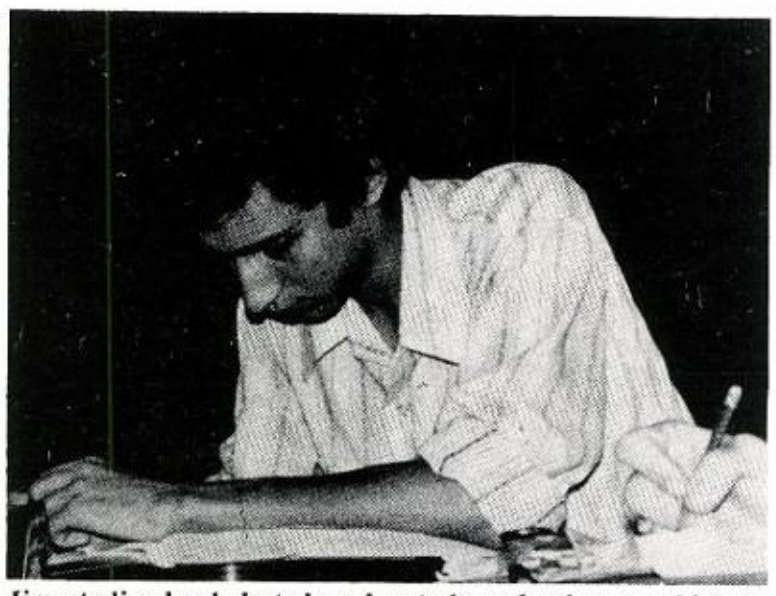
There's our Homecoming Queen, complete with her newest escort. Villafranca was cuter, though.

Thomas Tijerina ponders the workload he is burdened with due to his many classes. "It looks like it's gonna be a long day, Tom." "You're tellin' me!"

Frank Tibiletti gets caught in one of his better poses. He's probably remembering something he did to one of his "favorite" teachers.

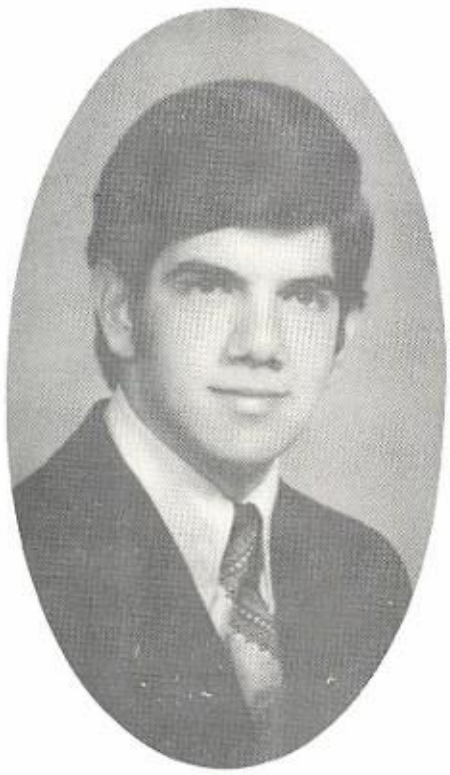
Robert Valenta, artiste de luxe, paints the Activities Room at the north end of the old grade school building. The Seniors of 1976 furnished and decorated the room for this school year. The Seniors, like Robert, did an excellent job and the room was used for Journalism classes, Student Council meetings and organizational get-togethers.

Robert Valenta



Jim studies hard, but does he study as hard as we think he does? ". . . . . he pressed a kiss unto her lips, and the sunshine broke again from the clouds . . . . . " Keep studying, Jim.

Frank Tibiletti

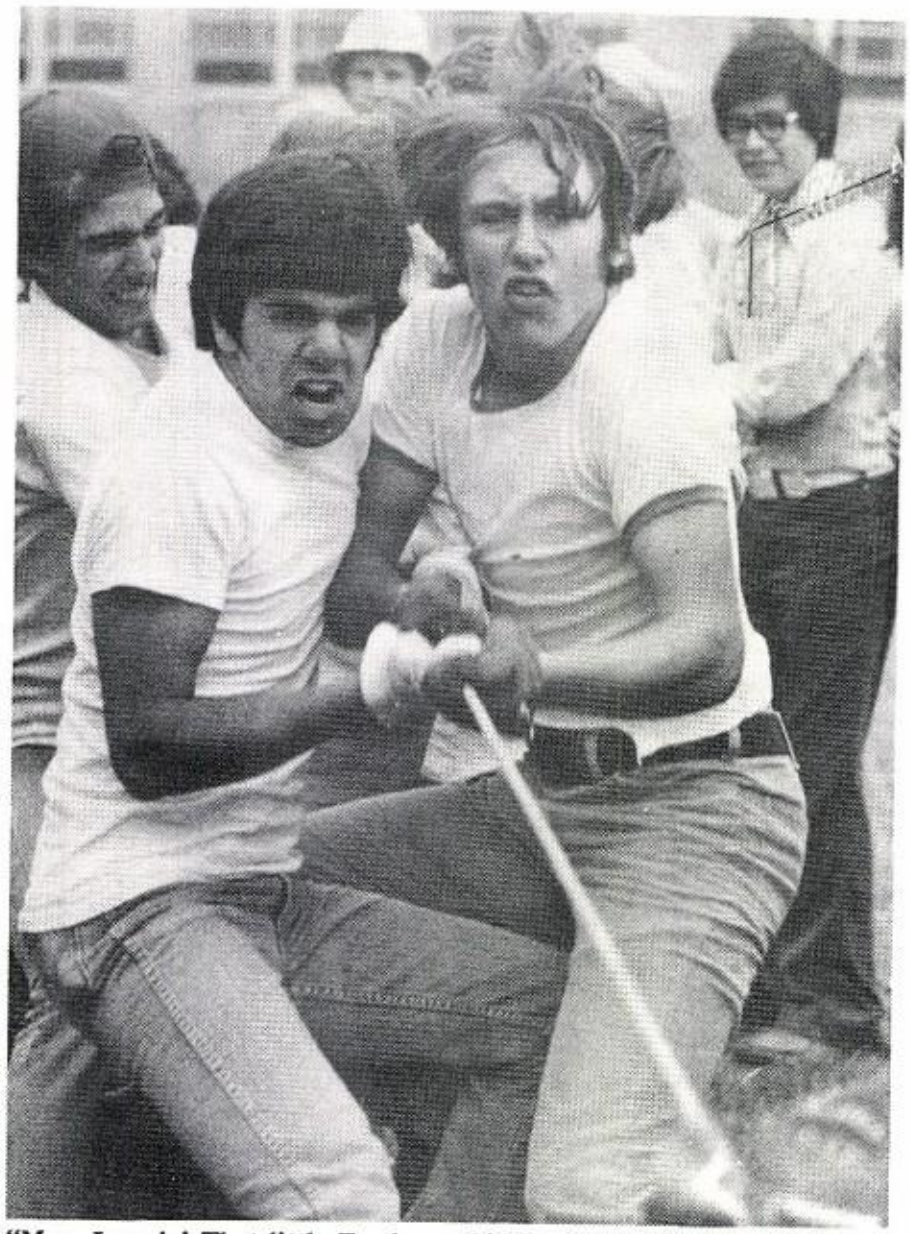


James Villafranca

Linda Villareal

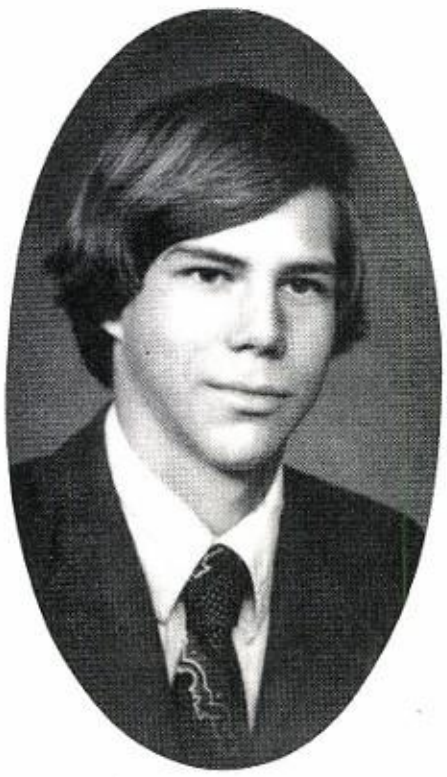
Kathy Wade smiling graciously.

Linda shows intense interest during another one of Sr. Ernestine's classe

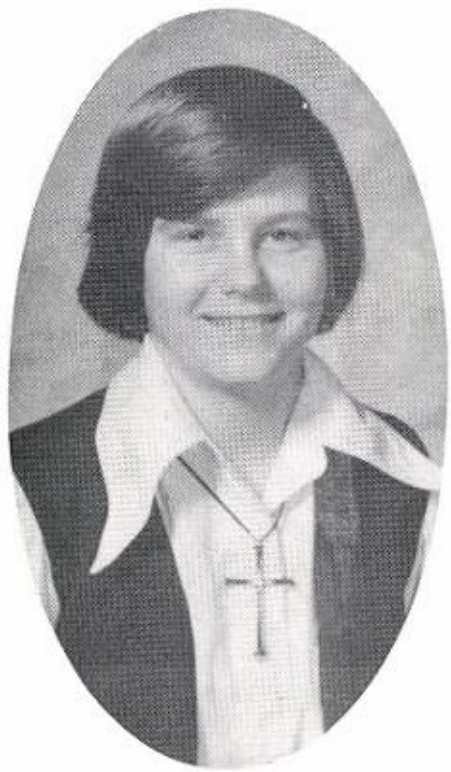


"Man, Lonnie! That little Freshman kid is a lot tougher than I thought he'd be!" Villafranca and Koehl in action during Bicentennial Day.

arry Wagner and his trombone. He's been playing that thing since his ittle League manager told him to "slide" into second.

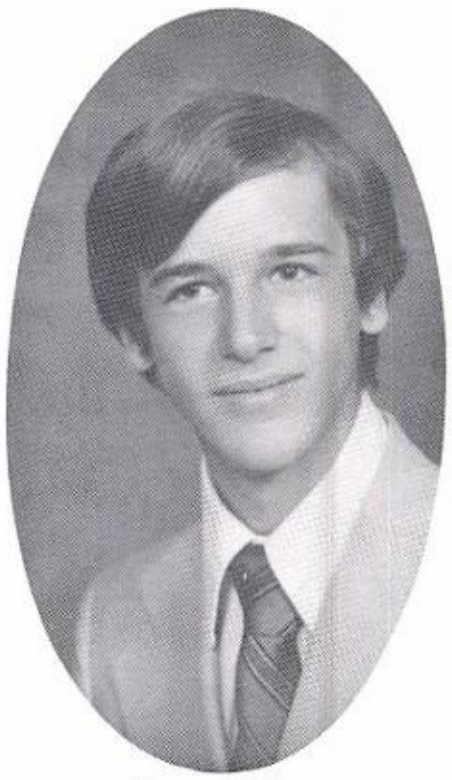


Lawrence Wagner



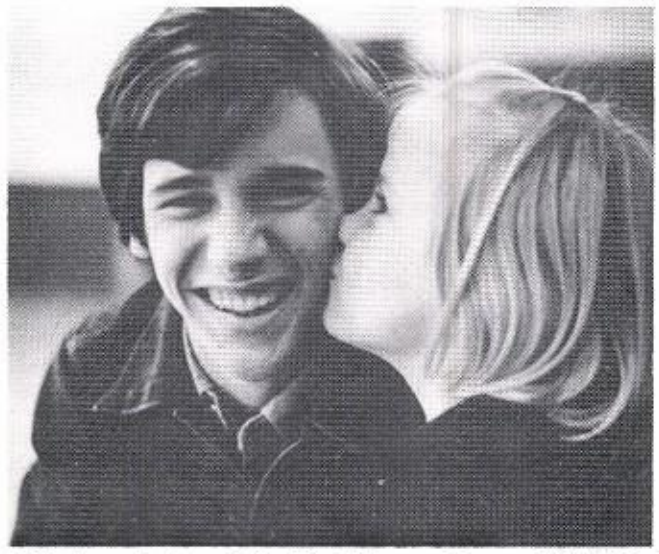
Cathy Wade

Frances Ward



Roger Welder

Berta delivering the liturgy during a Senior Mass.

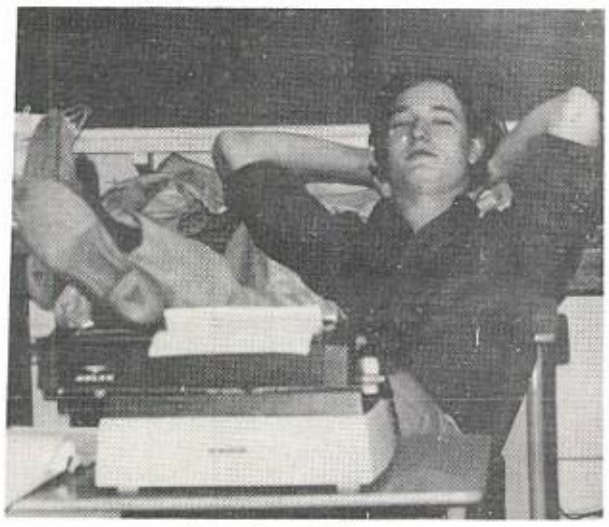


Gigi Sartor plants a friendly kiss on Roger Welder's cheek. Gigi is one of Roger's many beautiful girlfriends.

Looks like somebody caught Frances in another expressionistic mood of intense contemplation (or whatever).

Roberta Zafereo

Roper Welder

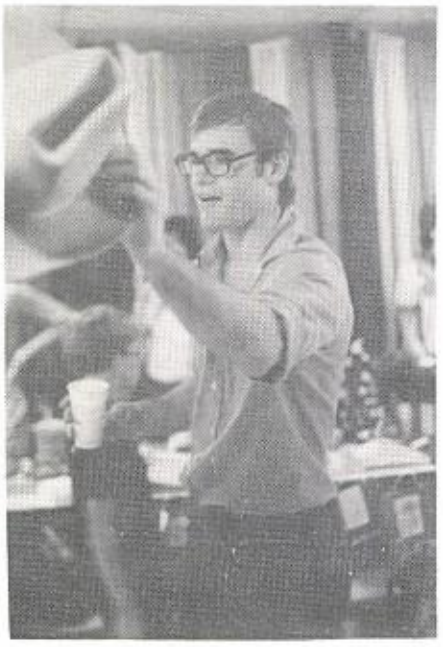


Secretary Valenta

Affectionate Dennis Baros

Baby with bottle

Different baby with bottle



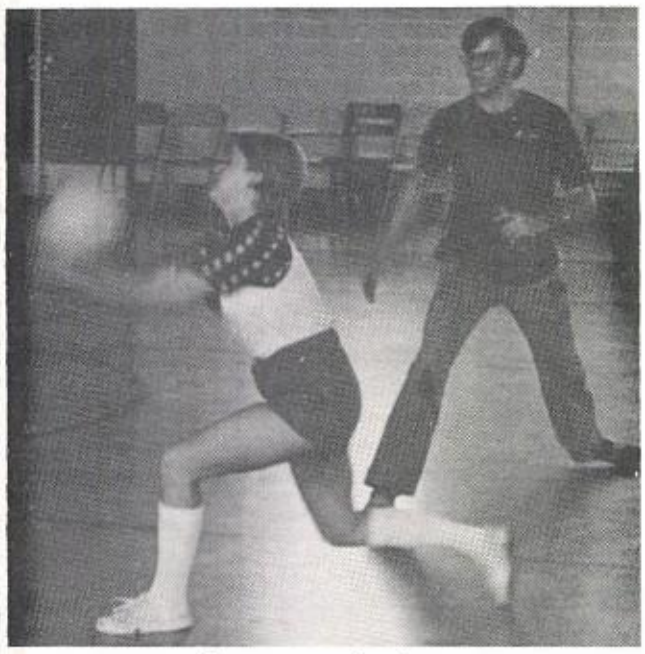
"Cowboy" Hanley

It's Superman Pribyl !!

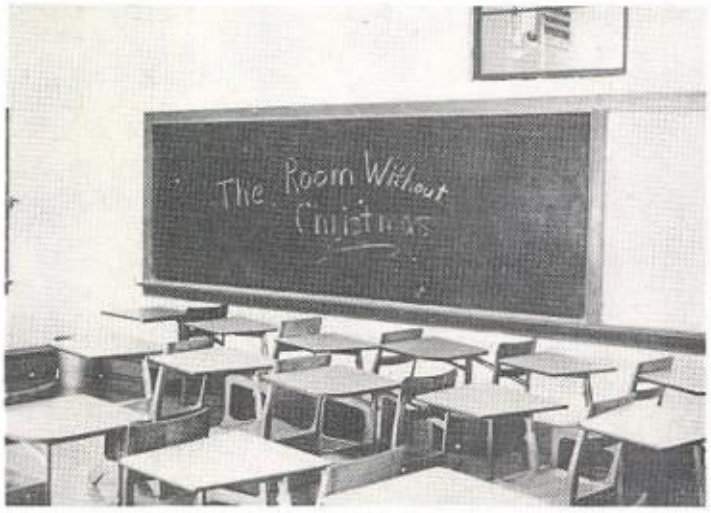
"Jolly" Kelliher

Gourmet Hector

"Ol' settler" Martin



Grace saves the day



Chuckles Tibiletti

"You know, Linda, I don't know if 'Roller Derby Queen' Gohlke is quite ready for the track yet."

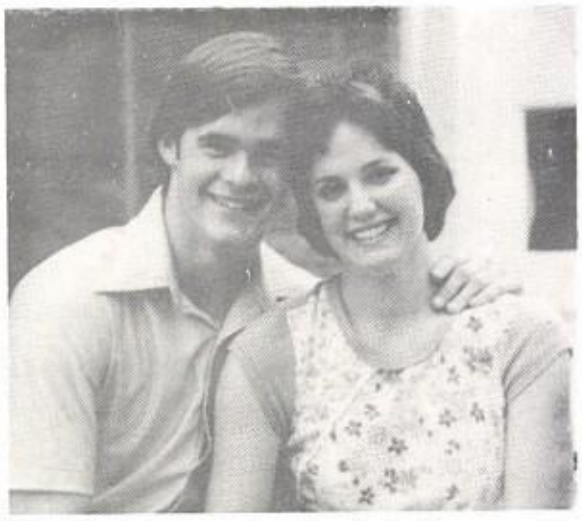
Jim accepts his award from Father Joseph Petsch of Our Lady of Victory.

Linda fast at work in the libra

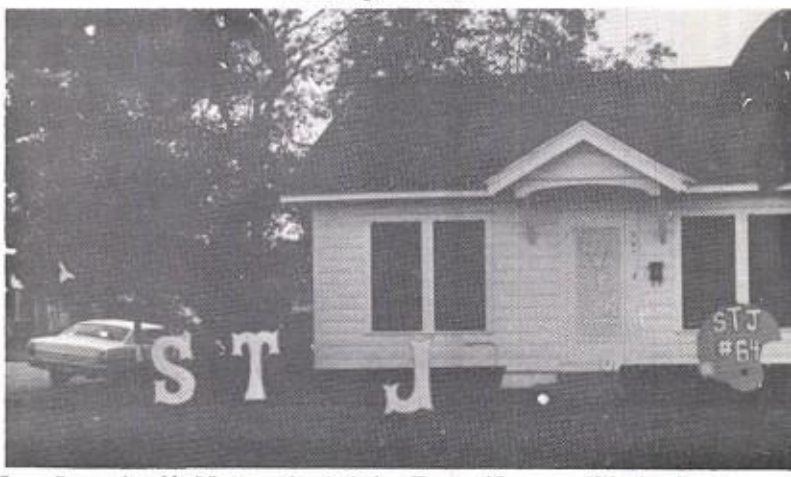
Ronnie "seems involved" in his studies.

"And the champ delivers a forearm to chest while the challenger counters wit right to the jaw! Folks, this is gonna be exciting bout!!!"

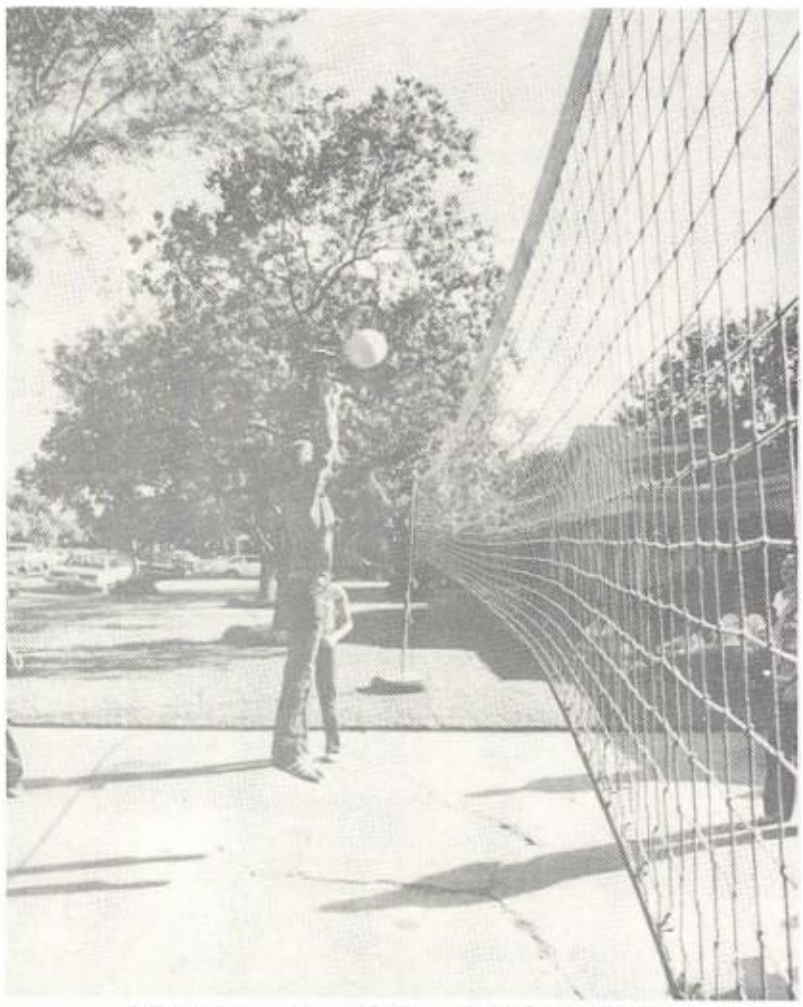
Mel and Royce occupy their time on the trip to the state meet.



There's our newest resident Aggie, complete with one heck of a pretty girl . . . . . no wonder the Aggies like to celebrate after every touchdown.



Hey Lonnie !! Not a bad job. Even if you did do it yourse



What do ya know! Somebody's having fun at a Senior party.

Future STJ "coaches" compare strategies (With prospects like these, Coach Tib has got nothing to worry about).

Dancer of the Year Hiller and Homecoming Queen Stevenson joke during Homecoming night.

"Hey there.....you wit the lights in your eyes..."

Frances must be eager say something.

Seniors '76

Vir Excellens

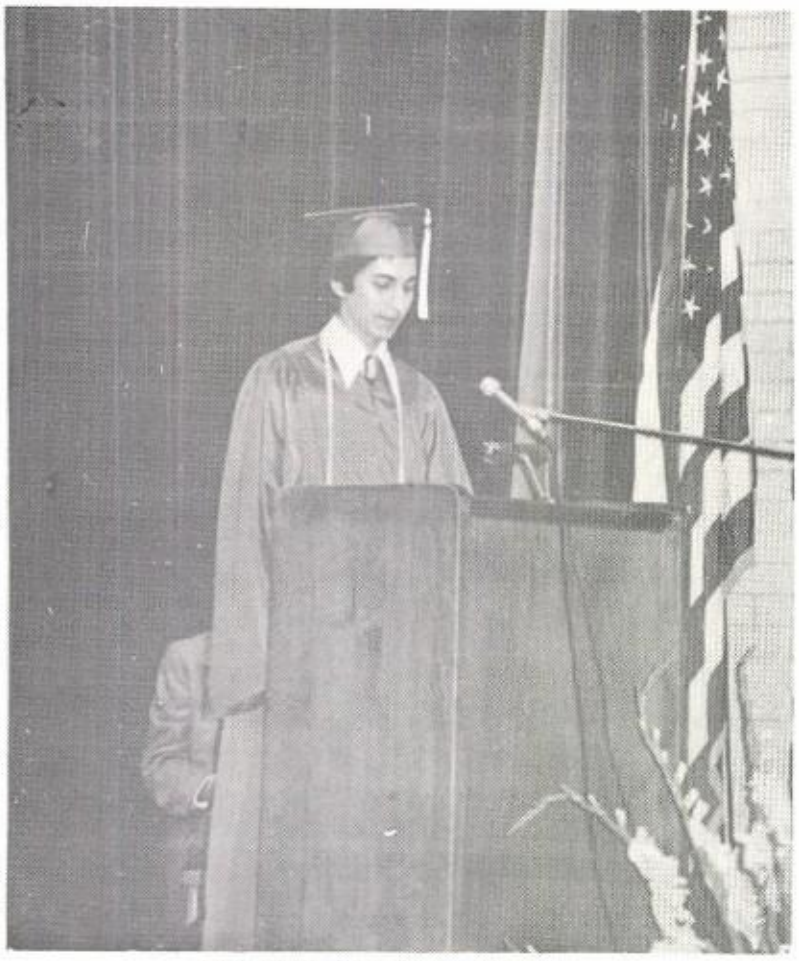
James Stathis

Roger Welder

Roger Welder received the highest honor a Senior may acquire, the Vir Excellens Award. Selected by the faculty and the Senior class, the nominees are judged on their character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Other nominees for this honor were Mary Ann Gohlke, Frank Tibiletti, and James Stathis.

Mary Ann Gohlke

Frank Tibiletti



Valedictorian - James Stathis

Salutatorian - Mary Ann Gohlke

Girl and Boy of the Month

Melanie Enke was the Senior girl chosen as Girl of the Month. The runners-up for this honor were Laney Kelliher, Frances Ward, and Mary Ann Gohlke.

The Senior boy the Exchange Club chose as Boy of the Month was Jim Stathis. The runners-up for this title were James Villafranca and Roger Welder.

James Stathis and Melanie Enke

DAR Award

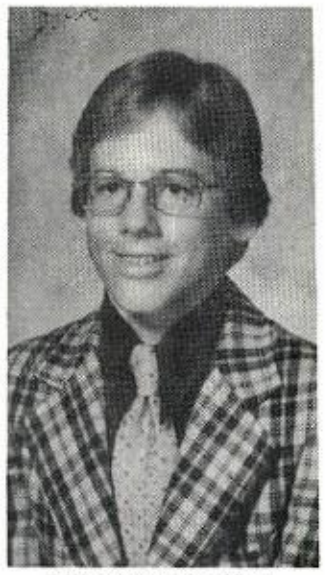
Senior Roger Welder was honored at a George Washington tea on Thursday, February 19, in the Victoria Public Library. He was a winner of the Good Citizen Contest sponsored by the Guadalupe Victoria chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Roger was presented a pin and a certificate of award. He was chosen as the most outstanding member of his Senior class who has the qualities of good citizenship, character, and patriotism.

Roger Welder

Girls' and Boys' State

Tammy Post



Billy Atzenhoffer

Tammy Post and Billy Atzenhoffer were chosen to attend Girl and Boy State, respectively. The governmental program is provided for annually by the American Legion. The purpose of the Seminars is to instruct students in American citizenship.

Voice of Democracy

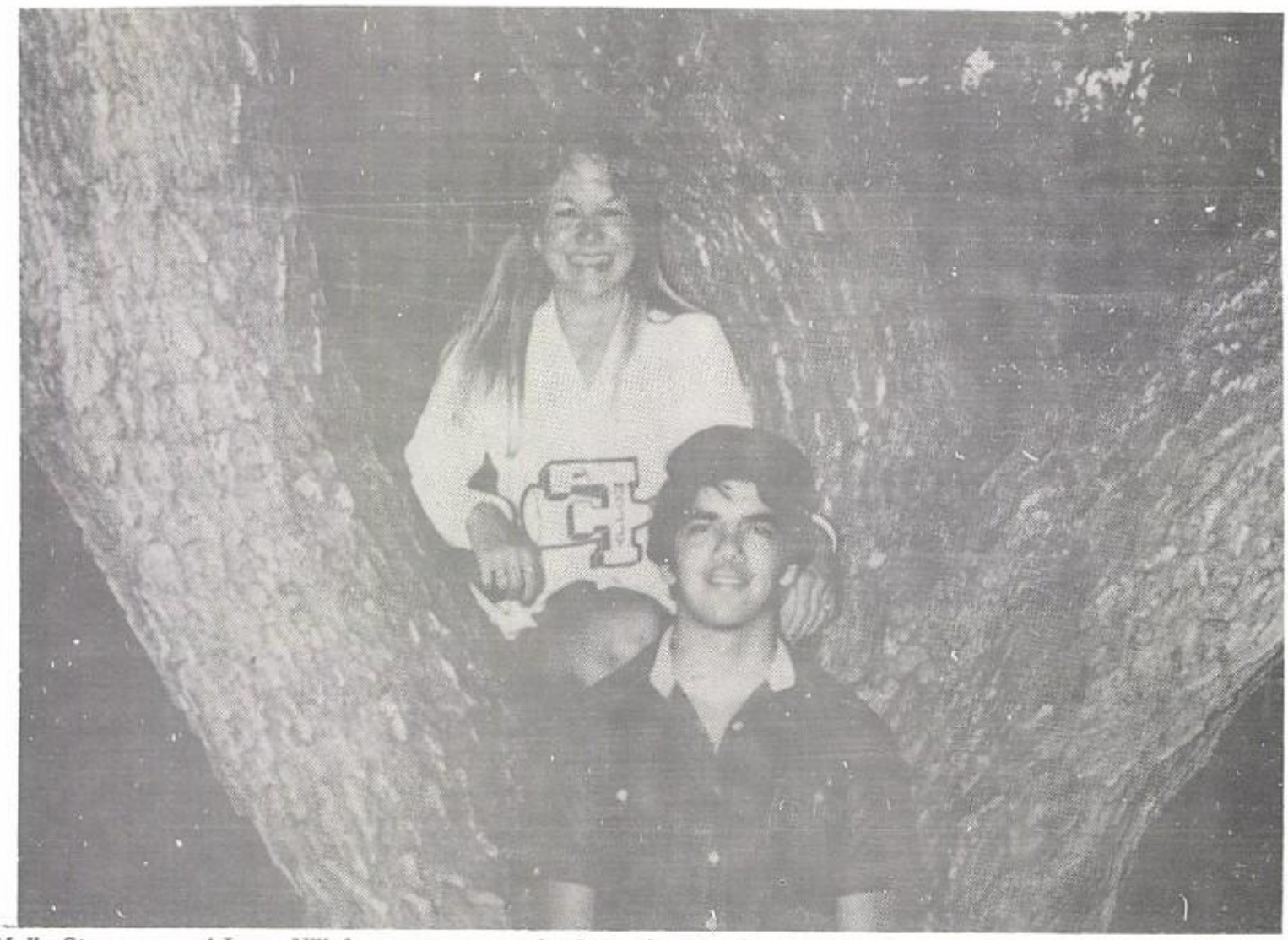
Evelyn Artero works on her freehand drawing. Evie sent her poster to the T. C. I. L. State Rally and placed second.

Colleen Cullen displays the plaque she won in the Voice of Democracy contest.

National Honor Society

1976 N. H. S. Inductees. Left to right: Amy Williams, Debbie Villafranca, Lynne Freeland, Gail Duncan, Ricky Danko, Ruth Daly, and Doris Cano. Present members were Melanie Enke, Mary Ann Gohlke, and James Stathis.

All School Favorites



Molly Stevenson and James Villafranca were not only chosen for ALL SCHOOL FAVORITES but also as MOST SPIRITED. Runners-up for All School Favorites were Melanie Enke, Frances Ward, Catherine Hiller, Linda Mullino, Frank Tibiletti, Roger Welder, Lonnie Koehl, and Lee Pribyl.

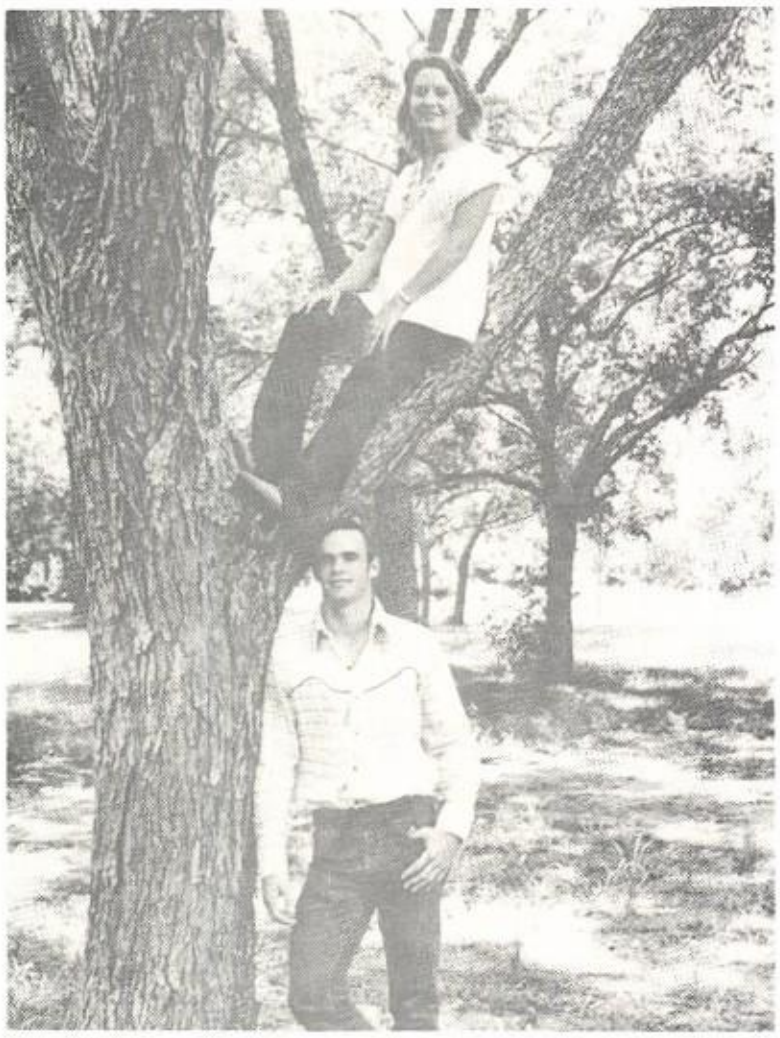
Best Looking

Bryon Pantel and Frances Ward.

Best Dressed

Lonnie Koehl and Laney Kelliher.

Most Likely To Succeed



Debbie Schaar and Frosty Hanley

Most Studious

James Stathis and Mary Ann Gohlke

Class Cut-Up

Frank Tibiletti and Linda Mullino

Friendliest

Roger Welder and Melanie Enke

Class Flirt

Michael Cavazos and Denese Martin

Junior Favorites

Stephanne Thompson and Travis Schaar

Sophomore Favorites

David Jurica and Joni Schoenherr

Freshmen Favorites

Lisa Heinrich and Stephen Latimer

Evening in Paradise

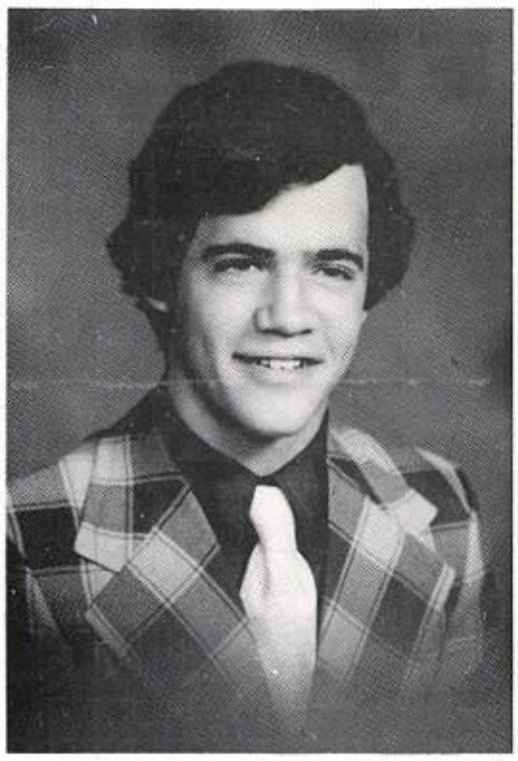
Prom King and Queen, James Villafranca and Catherine Hiller.

The 1976 Prom Court (left to right): (sitting) Stephanne Thompson, Julie Sartor, Queen Catherine Hiller, Molly Stevenson, and Colleen Cullen. (standing) Travis Schaar, Roger Welder, King James Villafranca, Lee Pribyl. and Stephen Williams.

"Toddy" and Charlotte at the Prom. Bomersbach had the only Camel tux around.

Katherine Goldman "steppin' out" at the Prom.

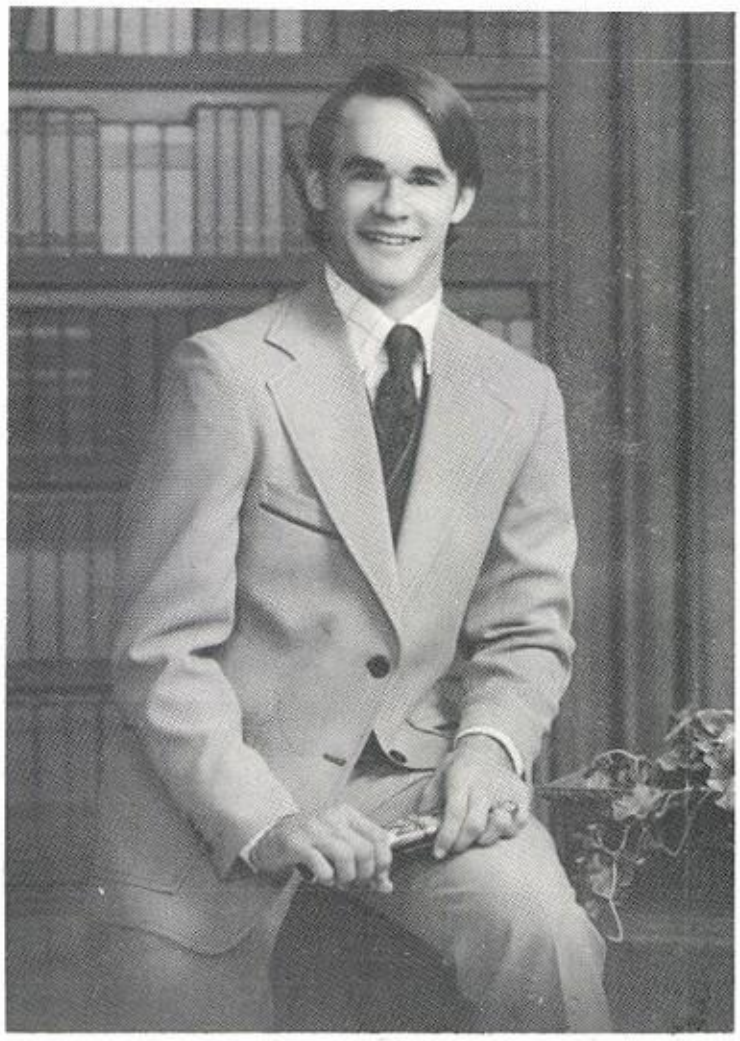
Student Council



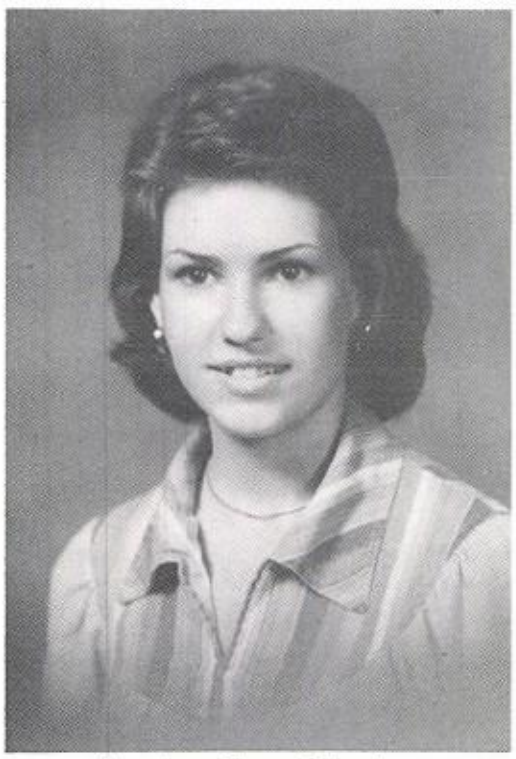
Vice-President Dickey Hanley

This year's Student Council has been the first to contain women in its membership. Before the school year began in August, a group of the Student Council officers got together to form a new constitution, combining the old Nazareth handbook with the old St. Joseph doctrine. The result was our first female representatives and officers.

The Council was responsible for various activities this year such as Victory dances, the Valentine dance, Bicentennial events, Homecoming events, Spirit exhibit, pep rallies and school elections. Our Moderator, Mr. David Pozzi, was a constant help in our activities.



President Frosty Hanley



Secretary Susan Johnston

Treasurer Debbie Villafranca

Student Council members. Standing: Royce Nitschmann, Allen Schaar, Frosty Hanley, Peter Stevenson, Greg Smith, Sponsor Mr. Pozzi. Sitting: Doris Cano, Janine Dickinson, Colleen Cullen, Debbie Villafranca, Dickey Hanley, Susan Johnston, Molly Stevenson, Roger Welder.

1975

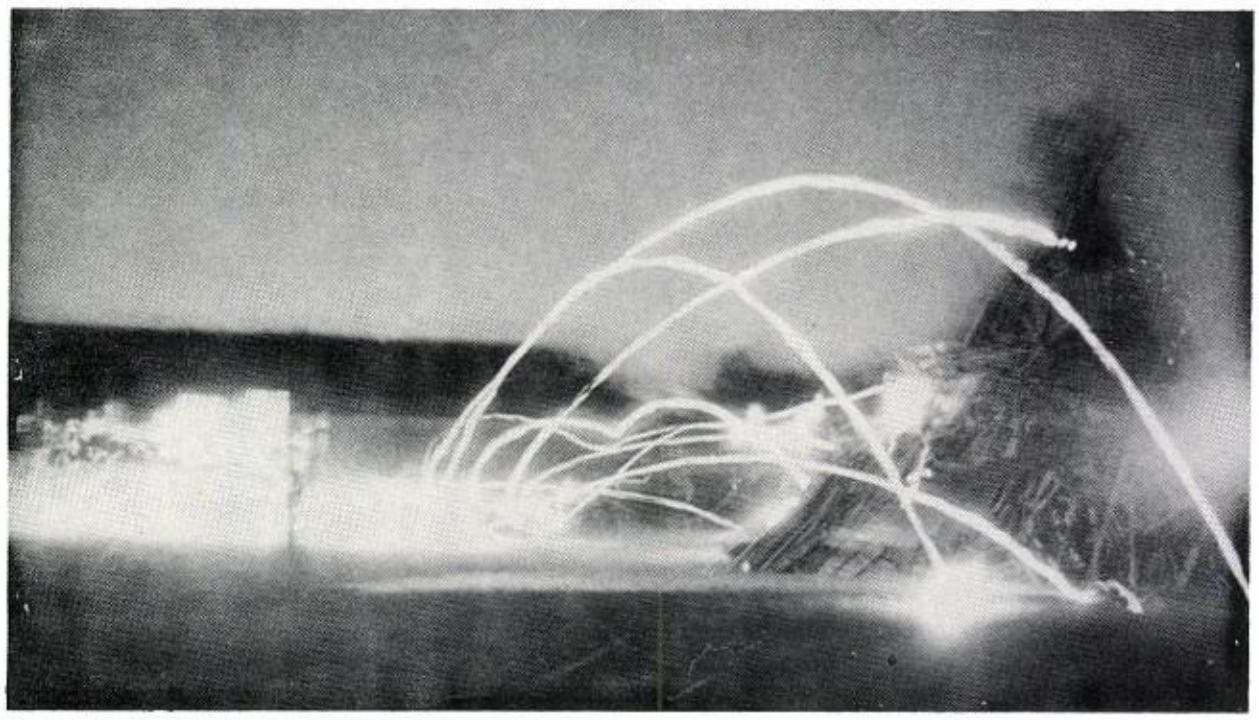
Molly Stevenson, escorted by James Villafranca, was crowned Queen during the halftime ceremonies of the 1975 Flyer Homecoming Game on November 8, at Patti Welder Stadium.

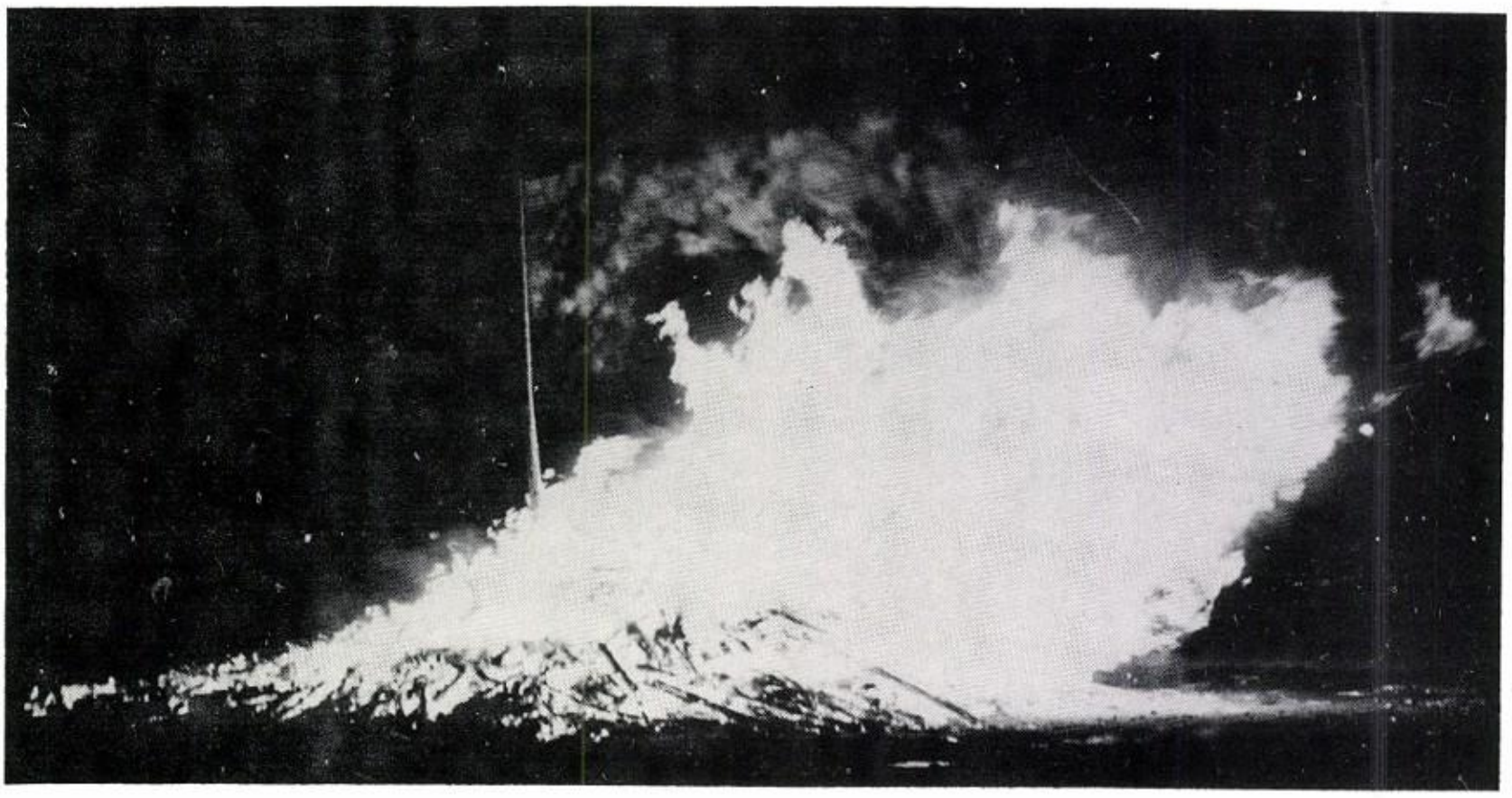
The other nominees and their escorts were: Donna Caraway escorted by Roger Welder, Catherine Hiller escorted by Lonnie Koehl, Julie Sartor escorted by Frosty Hanley, and Debbie Schaar escorted by Lee Pribyl.

The Homecoming activities were kicked off when the Senior members of the football team ignited the stack of wood which the Juniors worked long and hard hours to build. The Sophomores bedecked the Flyers' yards as part of the Homecoming week activities.

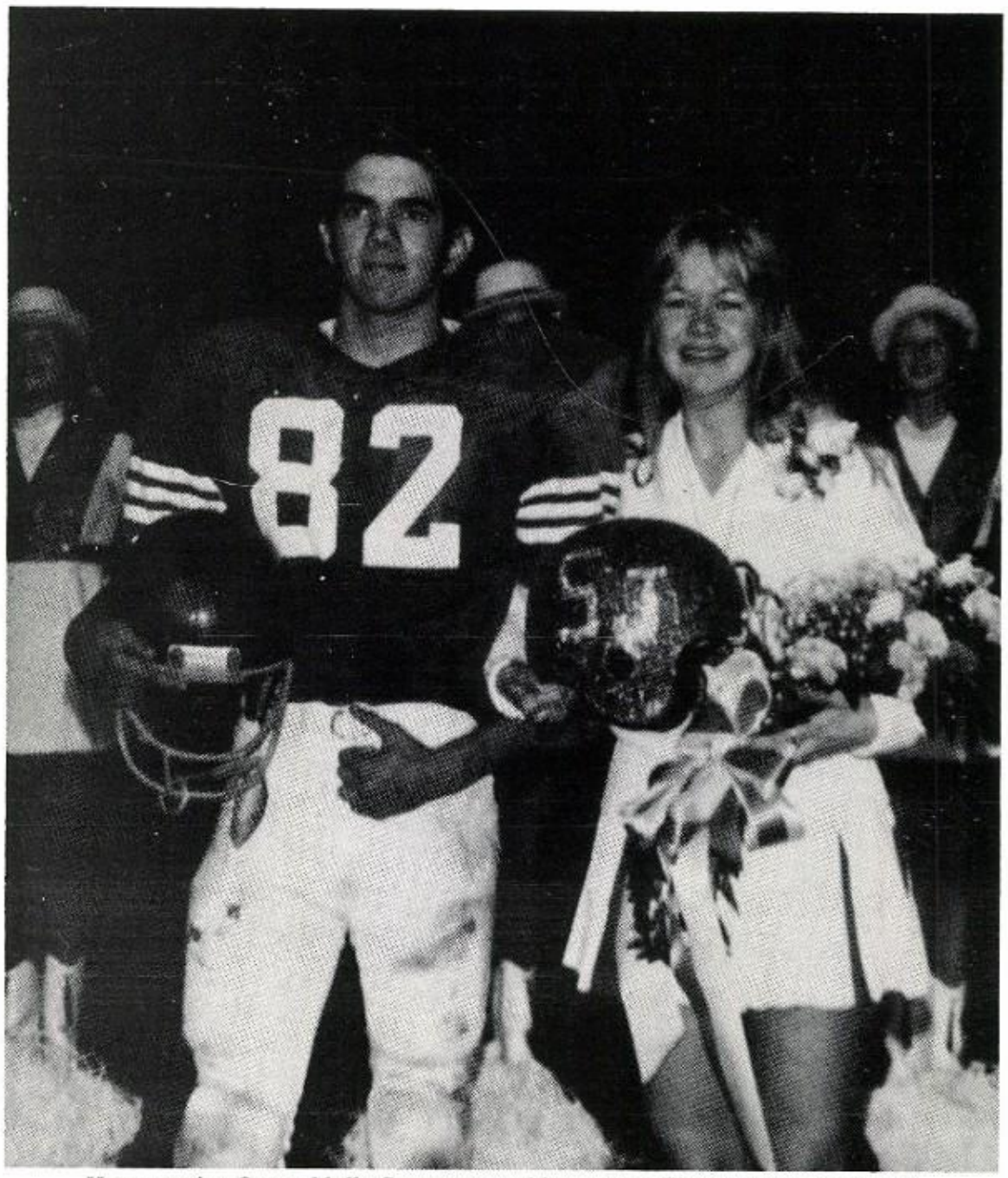
After the game, Homecoming festivities culminated in a dance sponsored by the Junior class. The dance was held in St. Mary's Hall with Music by "Free Flight." The theme was "Flyer Airport Terminal."

Decorations included a large model airplane equipped with a blue and white lighted landing strip. three large murals, and a patiofootball helmet.

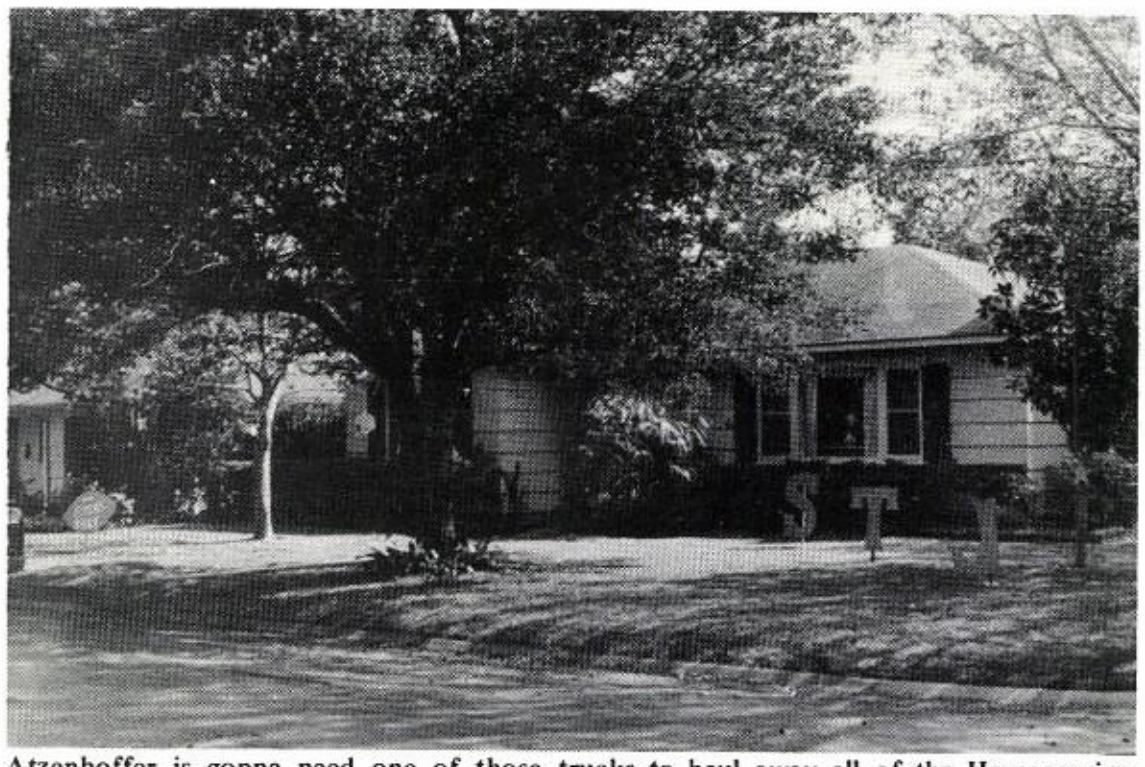




Homecoming

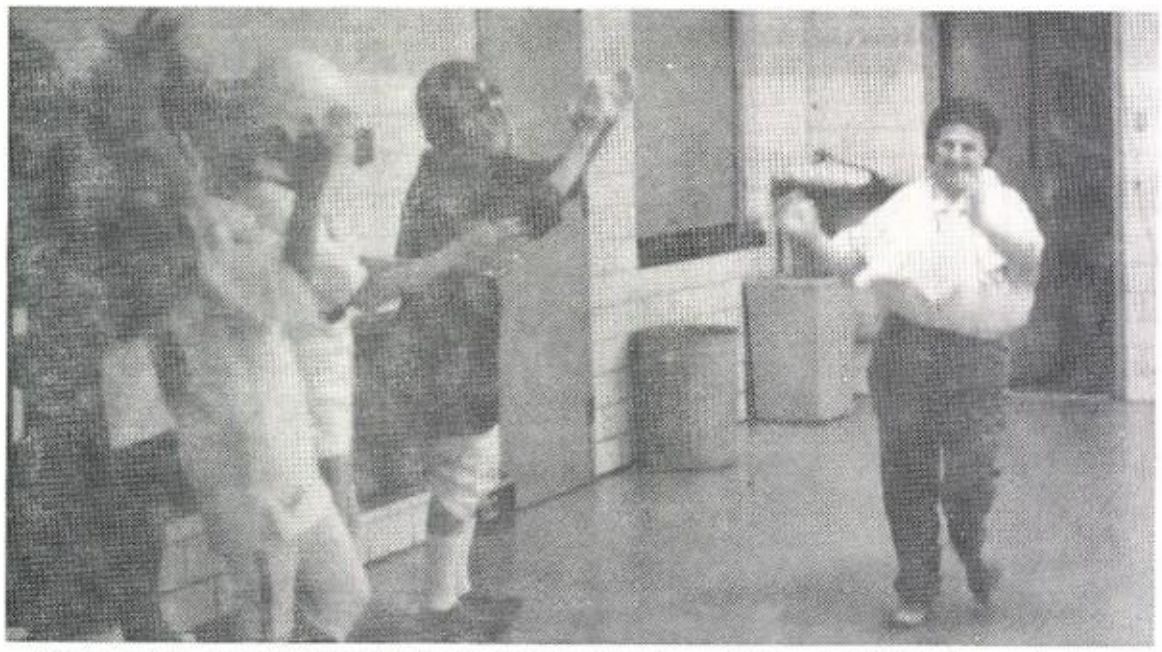


Homecoming Queen Molly Stevenson and her escort, Flyer James Villafranca.



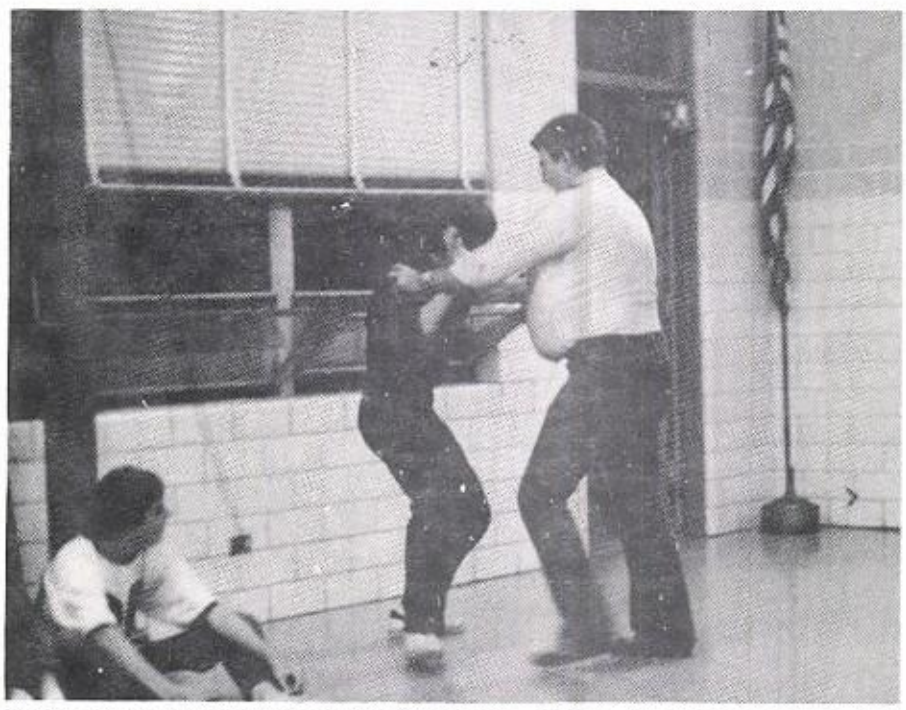
Atzenhoffer is gonna need one of those trucks to haul away all of the Homecoming decorations.

School Spirit Evident



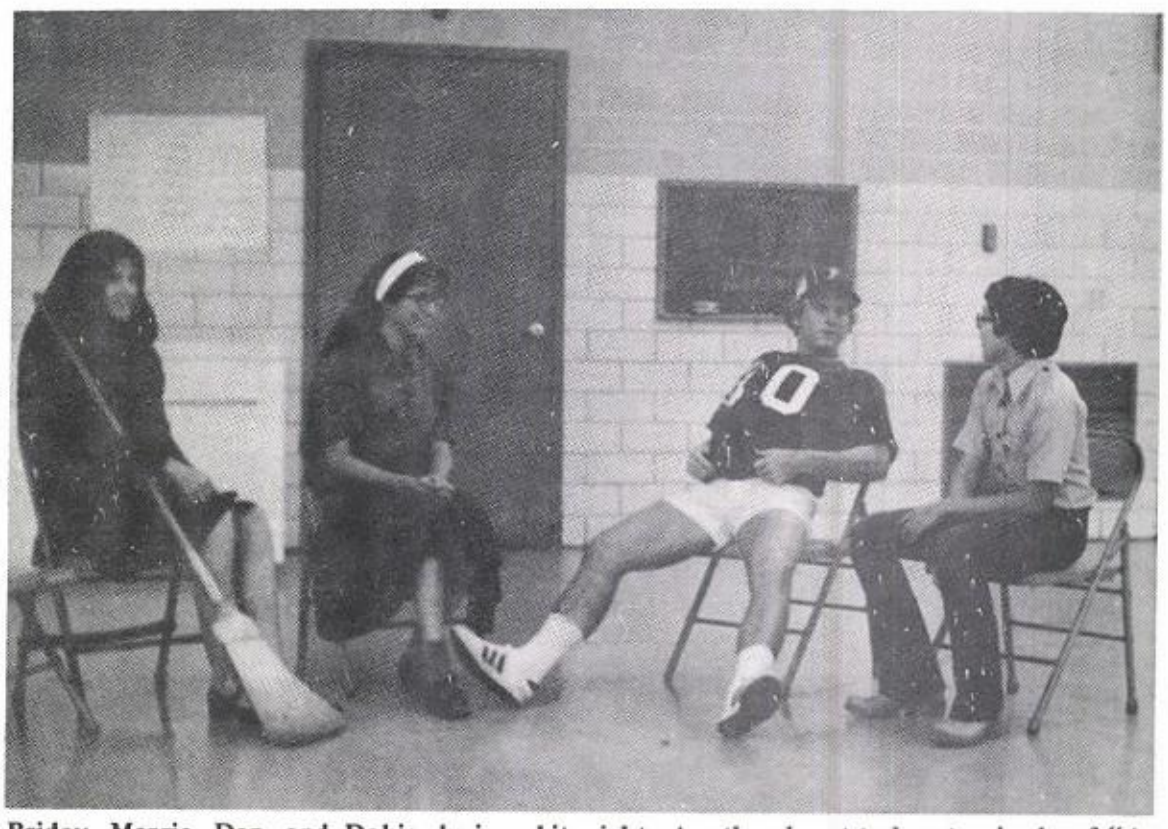
Coach (Mrs. Fred Smith) Tibiletti. Looks like the real Coach Tib had more look-alikes during skit night than Marty Allen.

The Sophomores skit appears to have had more violence than Kojak did when he was on Wednesday night.



Frank Tibiletti impersonating the coach which, for some reason, has the same last name.

"Yeah, hi to you, Hinojosa." The J. V. football team at skit night.



Bridey, Margie, Dan, and Dobie during skit night. Another heart-to-heart episode of "As The Flyer Turns."

St. Joe Backs the Flyers

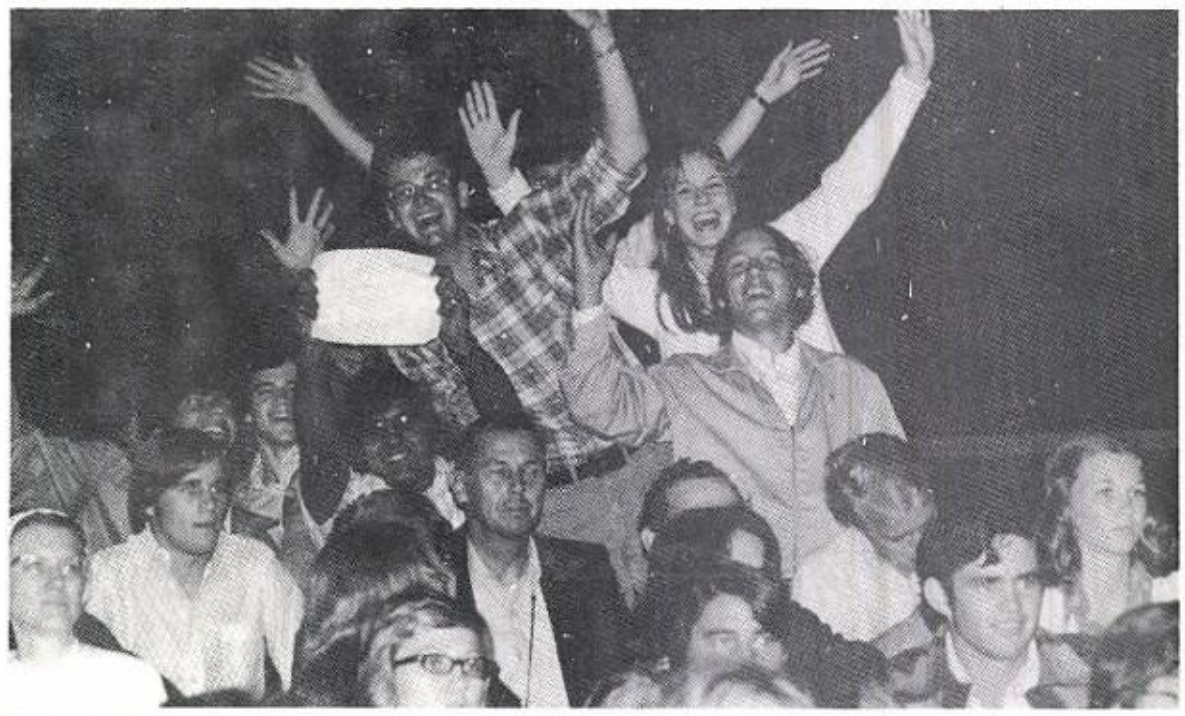
Fans who stayed at home listened to games via KTXN with commentator Mr. Dion Holm, Jr. At this game Father Joseph Petsch provided non-partisan remarks during the game.

"We got spirit, yes we do, we got spirit, how 'bout you?" St. Joe fans in Shiner.

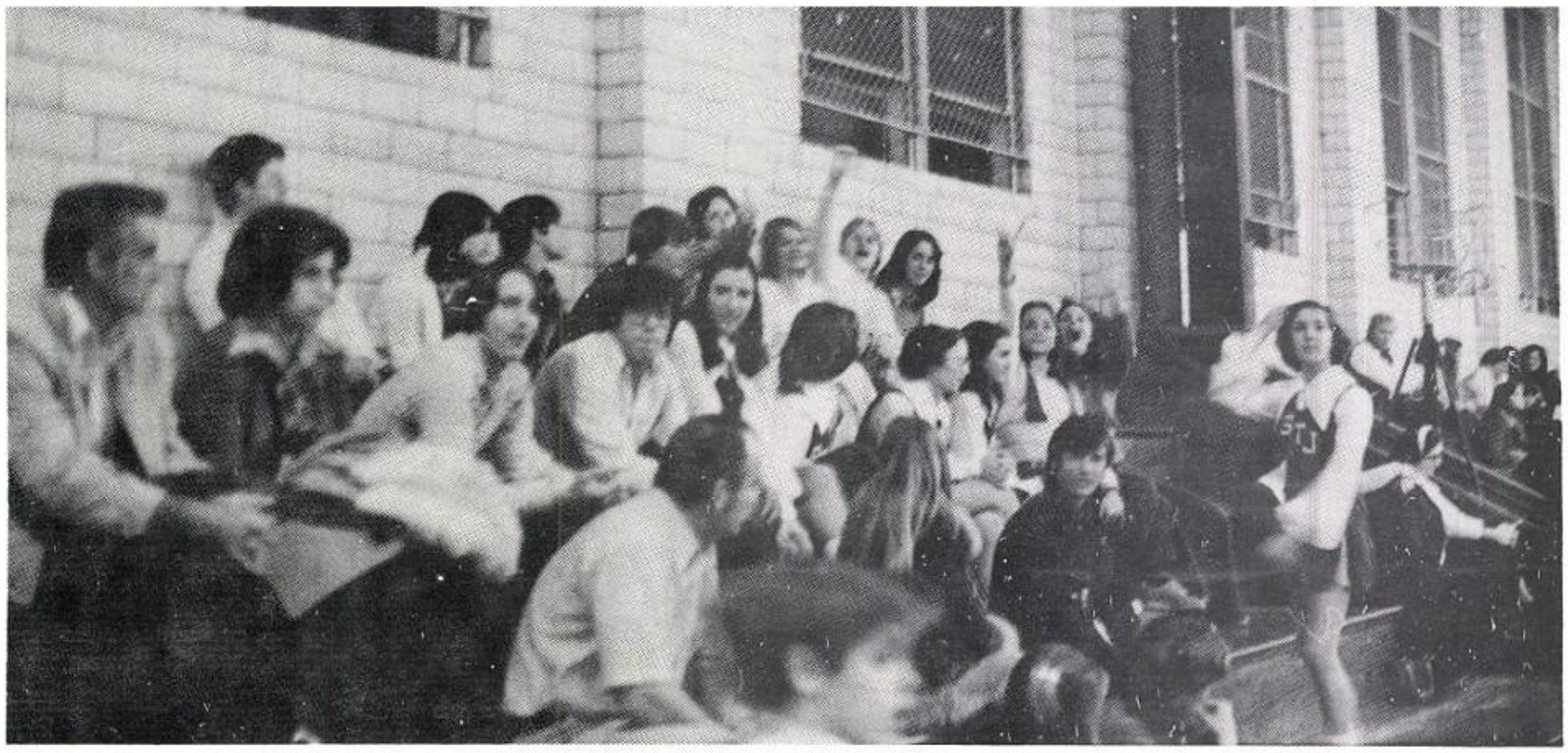
Girls' basketball most enthusiastic fan, Mrs. Thora Hiller in San Antonio.

"Boy, the smell is gonna kill me," says Pat Hanley as he walks past students at the Basketball Intramurals. This was a common sight during basketball season.

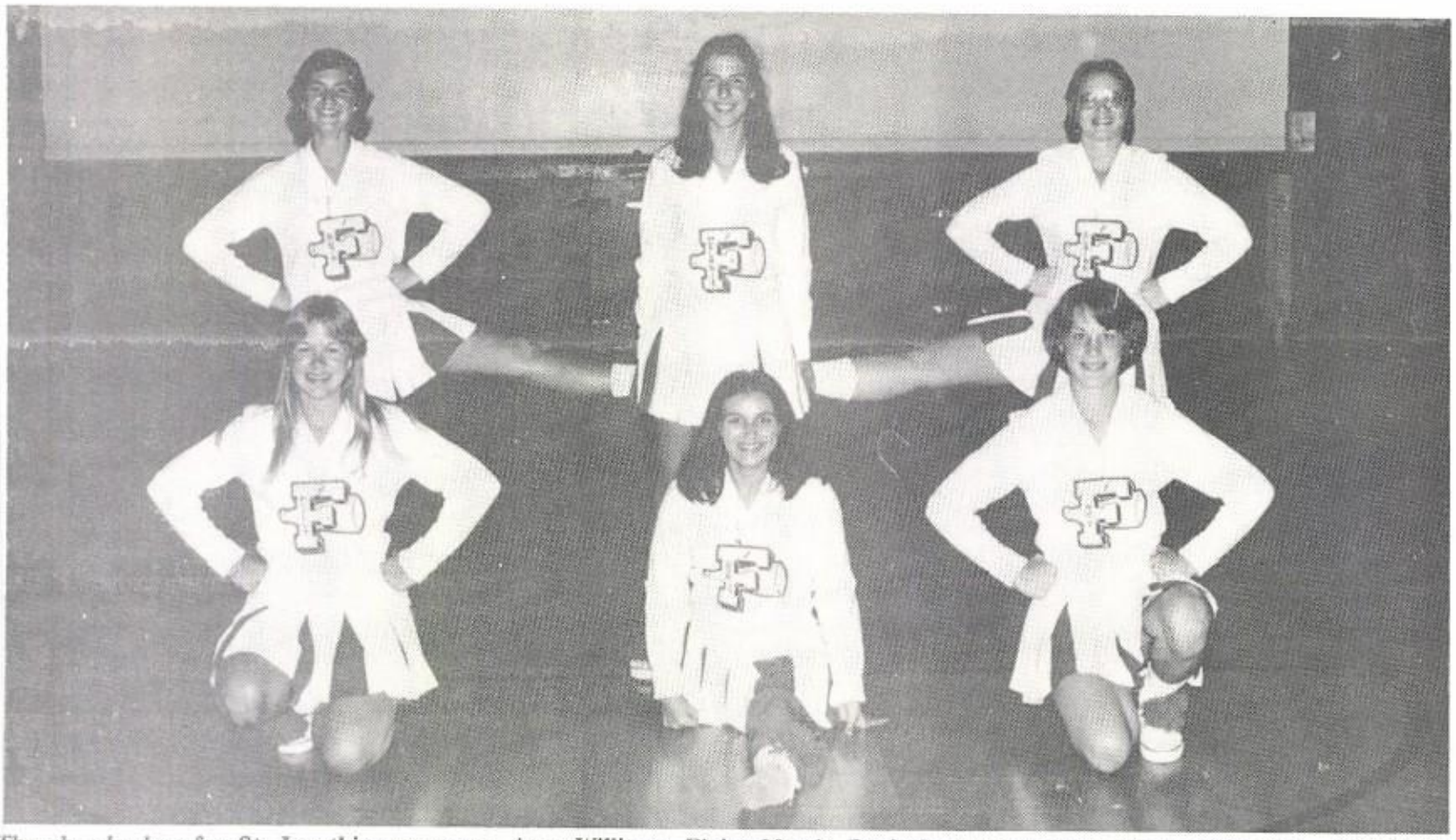
Morning pep-rallies at KVIC generated as much spirit as anything else this year for the football season. The Starlighters and St. Joe fans led all the rest in spirit this year.



Enthusiastic students always showed up at St. Joe games. At this game Frank Tibiletti, Colleen Cullen, Lonnie Kochi, Bryon Pantel, Rick Flores, Royce Nitschmann, and Dickey Hanley are joined by Brother Ralph Krull, former STJ principal and his friend former Brother Ken Korte.



St. Joe has had something to get enthusiastic about in basketball this year, but not in the Industrial gym.

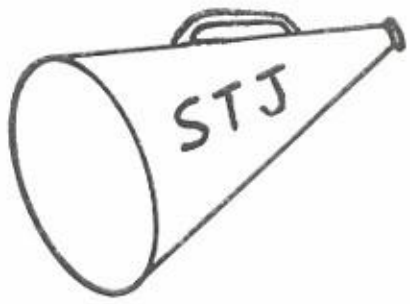


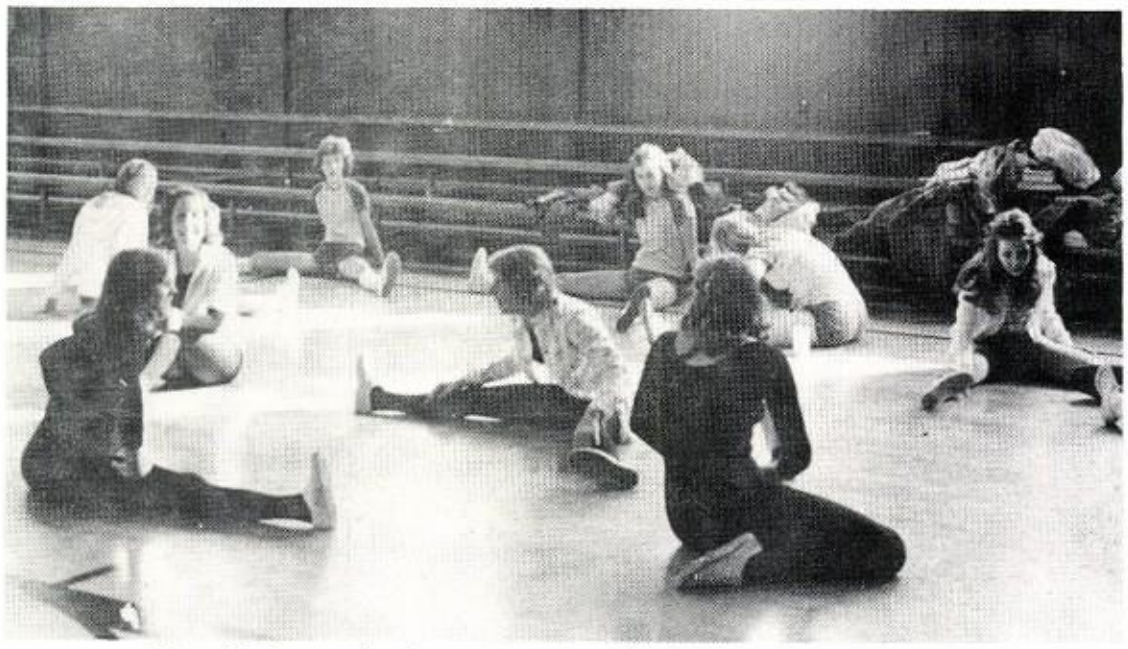
The cheerleaders for St. Joe this year were: Amy Williams, Elaine Morris, Doris Cano, Ruth Daly, Molly Stevenson, and Head-cheerleader Melanie Enke.

The STJ cheerleaders symbolized the spirit, determination, and concern, in this case, of the student body and fans.

Melanie Enke, Amy Williams, and Molly Stevenson lead cheers at a football game. At home or abroad, the girls were loyal to the team.

"Doris, you be the judge. Do you think the girls can see it from across the court?"





The girls in practice for a show; an early part of routine; stretching.

Starlighters preparing in Commerce. Somebody must have said something funny.

Starlighters

The St. Joseph High School Drill Team, in their first year, has accomplished much to be admired and copied. Under the watchful eye of their sponsor, Sister Mary Ellen, the 28 girls carried the burden of establishing themselves in a world of Victoriadores and Raider Belles with a surprising amount of poise and heart.

Performing at the many halftimes of the football and basketball games was one of the services handled beautifully by the Starlighters.

By competition, the Starlighters won more awards than any drill team in the city. Competing at Rice University on October 8, the girls performed at halftime along with the band at the Rice-Mississippi football game. In January, the girls traveled to Commerce and the ETSU Competition. There they received a division I ranking in both jazz and prop routines, while receiving a II in the high kick routine.

The last time the girls competed together as a unit was in Pasedena. In that competition the Starlighters earned a I in jazz and prop, while capturing a II ranking in the high kick.

The Starlighters and the band also received first place in the marching division at the Stockshow Parade.

The highlight of the year for the team was the Spring Show. In a performance not too soon forgotten, the girls delivered entertainment at its finest.

1976 was a year to be remembered for future Starlighter drill teams. Through the patient leadership of Sister Mary Ellen, the 28 girls proved their desire to be the best. They have set a precedence for future drill teams not only from STJ but the entire city as well.

Whoever took this picture isn't going to live very long.

On the bus or on the field, the Starlighters are the prettiest things around.

Mary Ann during the flag dance at the Spring Show.

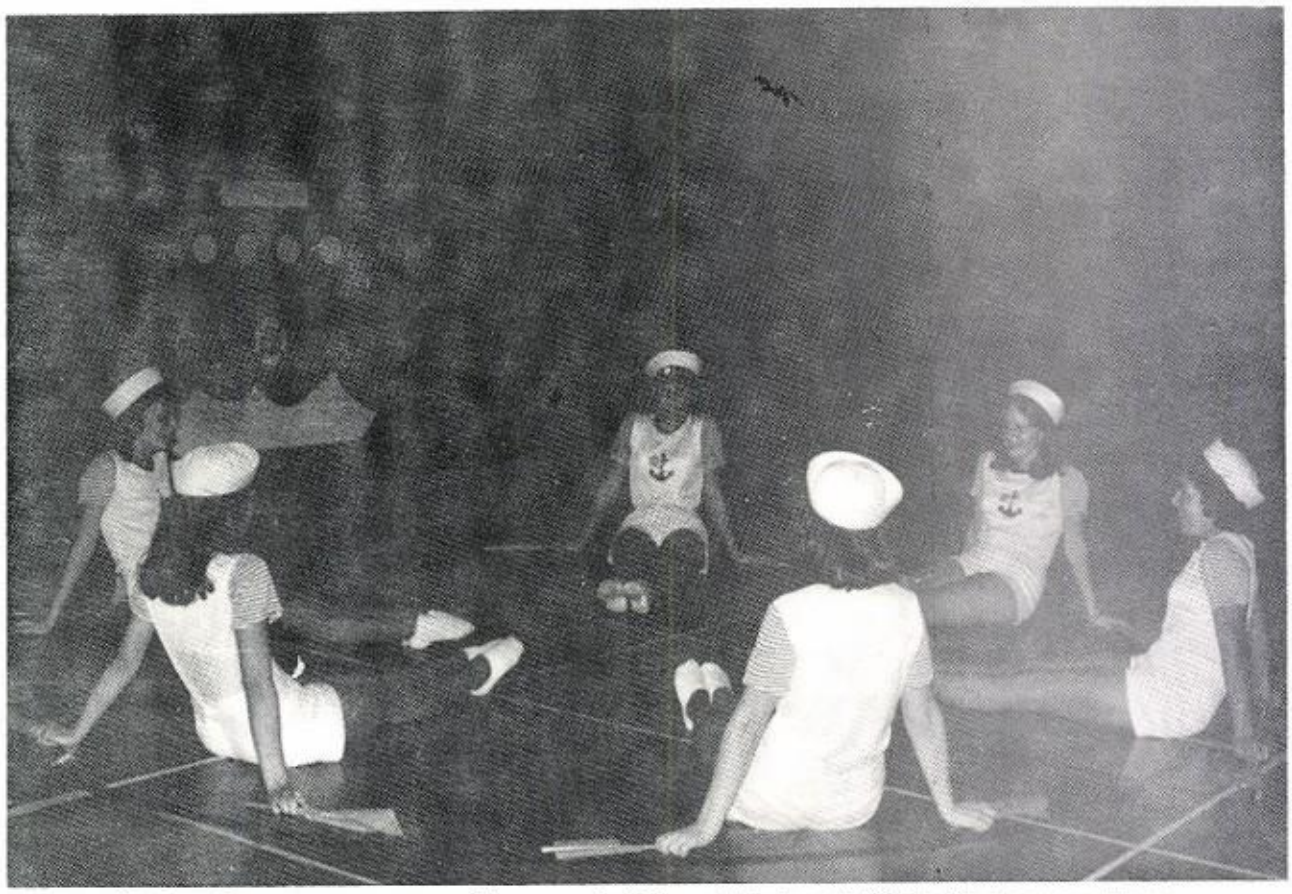
Looks like somebody is happy about something.

Seniors say farewell!!

Patty during the "Bad Time" jazz routine at the Spring Show.

Time for the Sophomores to "wave" goodbye.

The Senior dance transferred all the eerieness and mysterious vibrations that is shown in the faces of the dancers.



"I thought we were supposed to go sunbathing at the beach !" The Sophomore dance.

Wonder what Barbara is smiling at?

Umpire Enke clamps down the game while catcher Johnston and batter Kalinowski watch the scoreboard.

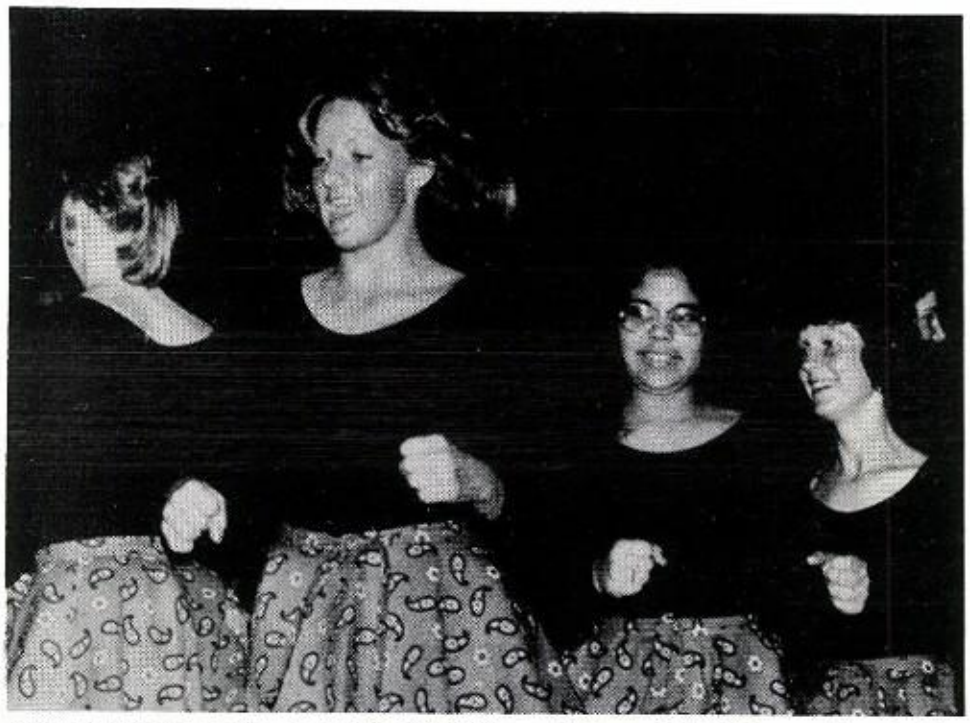
Linda smiles during the jazz routine at the Spring Show

Charlotte, Marie, and "The Candy Man" entertain the guests during the Spring Show.

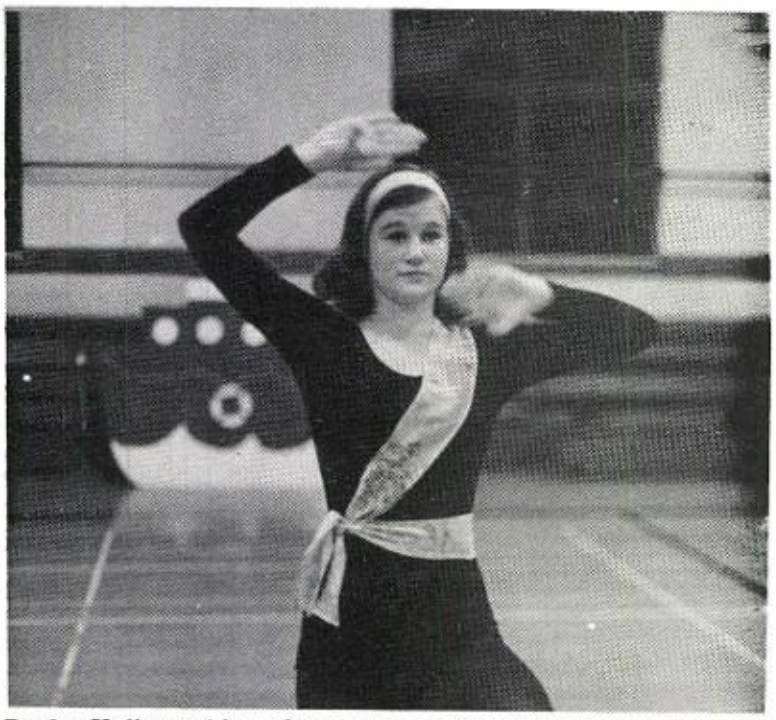
Alvin and the Chipmunks (Linda Mullino, Denese Martin, and Donna Caraway, center) enact a version of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" with Coach Kristy Krippel, "Ump" Trisha Enke and Pitcher Margie Alvarez.

"Ohhh ! I get it now ! The show is tomorrow night! Maybe that's why nobody came!" Gail and Trisha on rehearsal night.

"Oh wow! That hot lookin' dude up in the corner is wavin' at me!" Catherine performing the jazz dance at the Spring Show.



"Hey ! I think Johnston fell off!" Mary, Pat, and Debbie on the stools during the Junior dance.



Becky Kalinowski performs some of the intricate movements of the Freshman dance. (Either that, or she's trying to block the light.)

Tami and Gail compare lollipops at the Spring Show.

1975-76 Starlighters

The 1975-76 St. Joseph Starlighters were (from left to right): First row: Captain Debbie Schaar, 1st Lieutenants Denese Martin and Donna Caraway, 2nd Lieutenants Lynne Freeland and Gail Duncan. Second Row: Pat Aleman, Tami Rech, Debbie Wearden, Mary Ann Gohlke, Sponsor Sister Mary Ellen, Linda Mullino, Catherine Hiller, Lydia Bianchi, Christine Sifuentes. Third row: Susan Johnston, Margie Alvarez, Marie Truman, Mary Beck, Charlotte Moody, Patty Hiller, Barbara Drozd, Debbie Villafranca. Fourth Row: Suzanne Janak, Mary Duncan, Mary Claire Pardee, manager Dorothy McKinney, Trisha Enke, Judy Brennecke, Becky Kalinowski, Kristy Krippel. (not pictured are managers Laney Kelliher and Evelyn Artero).

St. Joseph High School Band

The St. Joseph High School Band includes musicians from St. Joseph, Nazareth Academy, and Our Lady of Victory schools.

The Flyer Band members are (first row) Karen Morris, Carol Kutchka, clarinets; Lisa Heinrich, oboe; Bridey Dunn, Libby Molina, flutes; (second row) Gayle Motal, Diane Molina clarinets; Randy Bernhard,Sandra Soto, Michael Ozuna, alto sax; John Ybarbo, tenor sax; Bonnie Ross, basson; Joseph Long, Elizabeth Knowlan, flutes; (third row) Anne Gomez, Virginia Moreau, Allen Baros, clarinets; Joyce Martin, Mary Beth Motal, Vincent Seger, Jay Morris, cornet; Joseph Truman, Dana Moreau, trombones; John Morkovsky, baritone; Jim Stathis, euphonium; (standing) Steve Buhler, Glenn Silva, Michael Kelliher, Raymond Sustaita, percussion; George Matthews, director. Not pictured are Kenneth Eisman, French horn; Larry Wagner, trombone; Nancy Pellegrino, Richard Sustaita, Rudy Lozano, percussion; and Kathleen Lozano, clarinet.

These fine musicians performed well under the direction of George Matthews. They presented a concert on April 21, 1976, in St. Mary's Hall, gave a Christmas concert at St. Joseph, and provided programs for Nazareth Academy and Our Lady of Victory schools. They also took part in the Veterans' Day Parade, the Stock Show Parade, and Bicentennial Band Day in Victoria.

Drum Major Bridey Dunn watches as Lisa Heinrich plays on.

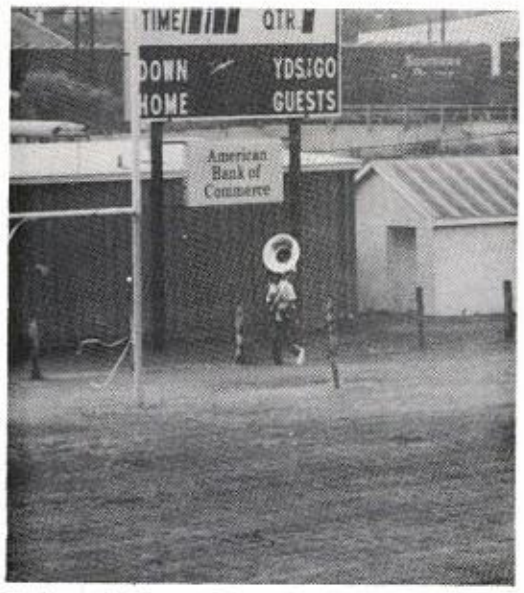
Bonnie Ross prepares for another number on her faithful clarinet.

Members of the St. Joseph High School Band tune up before the Spring Concert held in St. Mary's Hall.

Libby Molina warming up before a practice session.

Ozuna and his tuba. Now that's a pair !!

The High School Band performs during an assembly.

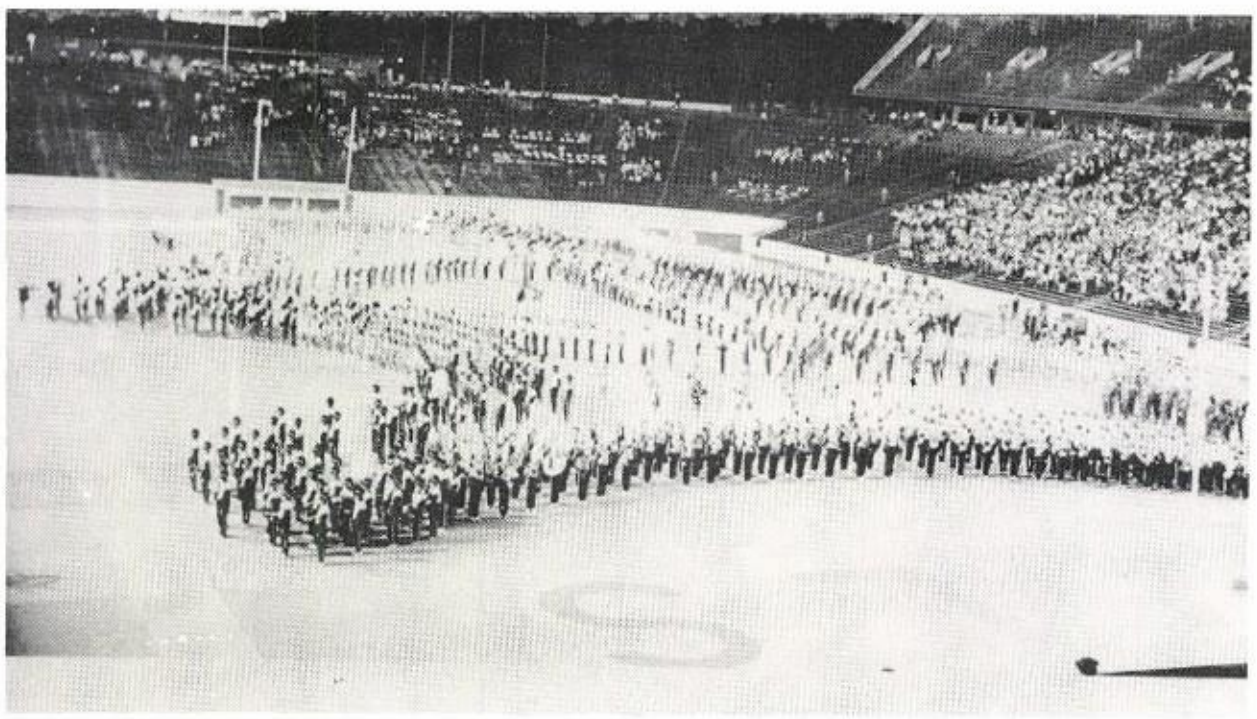


I thought he said to be here Friday at 6:30 !

Alright! Up in the corner! Spit out that gum or turn in your tuba. The band in action during a home football game.

The band hits the field. "Now, is it left-right-left, or right-left-right?"

Hold on! No tellin' what you're liable to run over out in the middle of nowhere.



Wanna play a game? Try to find our band! Taken at Rice University.

Honors Given At Banquet

Debbie Schaar presents Sister Mary Ellen with a gift of appreciation from the Starlighters at the Banquet.

James Stathis accepts the Marching Bandsman of the Year Award from Band Director George Matthews.

Gail and Sr. Mary Ellen at the Starlighter Banquet. Catherine Hiller received the "Dancer of the Year" award and Mary Ann Gohlke was the first drill team member to be inducted into the Starlighters' Hall of Fame.

Head cheerleader Melanie Enke presents flowers to the cheerleader sponsor, Sister Odilia.

All Sports Banquet

Frosty Hanley accepts the Outstanding Senior Boy Athlete award from Coach Steve Tibiletti.

Melanie Enke with her plaque designating her as Outstanding Senior Girl Athlete.

Tim (Mr. Basketball) Terry accepts his award from Coach Terry Hannon.

One of St. Joseph's most respected and loved people, Mr. Julius Jasek.

Flyers Capture Loop - Set Record

Members of this year's varsity football squad: left to right, First Row: Robert Lee Sustaita, Billy Atzenhoffer, Robert Soto, Larry Wagner, James Villafranca, Bobby Leon, Allen Schaar. Second Row: Travis Schaar, Dan Bomersbach, Robert Valenta, Stephen Williams, Thomas Tijerina, David Pena. Third Row: Lonnie Koehl, David Pounds, Frosty Hanley, Greg Smith, Donald Wagner, Eddie Huse. Fourth Row: Danny Dick, Dennis Baros, Royce Nitschmann, Mike Fossati, Chris Denison, Henry Humphrey.

Coach Tibiletti, who has coached at St. Joseph for 12 years, led St. Joe to an unprecedented fifth consecutive district championship this year.

How significant is the number five? Compared to the number eighteen, it's not very significant. But when the Flyer '75 football team, it becomes very remarkable. Under the direction of Coach Steve Tibiletti and Coach Terry Hannon, the Flyers captured the District 6AA title for the fifth time in as many years by shellacking Hallettsville Sacred Heart 22-6 on Friday, November 14, 1975.

In the non-district tilts, the Flyers pulled a derby nightmare by stumbling out of the gate. STJ dropped all of their non-loop games, but remained in the running until the final gun was fired in each of them. Falling to Ganado 8-0 at the reservation, the Flyers began the losing streak which left some skepticism from critics as to the potential of the district champions. After Ganado, STJ fell consecutively to Van Vleck (minus George Woodard, they weren't so tough this year; 19-14), and Louise (20-6).

The Marines landed on the shores of Patti Welder expecting another Iwo Jima. What they found instead was the unofficial welcoming committee from STJ (commonly called Flyers) who was determined to ring their leather-necks. After almost forty-eight minutes of scoreless football, the Marine coach had to separate the men from the boys and come up with something for the blue bruisers. Two costly mistakes deprived the Flyers of victory; they fell, 12-0.

Now, the district race was a different story. In the opener, the one which, by the way, was supposed to tell the story for the Flyers, STJ told it by mugging Shiner St. Paul, 39-8. From there they proceeded to mutilate everybody from Shiner to Schulenburg, and everybody in between. After trouncing Sacred Heart 41-0, they were slapped by Bishop Forest in the only blemish on the district record book, 0-0.

From there they plucked St. Paul, 16-0, and scalped Sacred Heart, 22-6 (the district clincher). And, as if they had a reason, they put the Ali touch to Bishop Forest and won it dancing away, 28-0, on Homecoming Night.

The Flyers were stopped short of a dream that has eluded them since 1965. In 1974 they came the closest; the dream ended at J. J. Kearns in Waco. In '75 the dream ended at Sams Stadium in Brownsville. Shocked by an opening kickoff returned for a touchdown, the Flyers could not recover in time; they fell to Brownsville St. Joseph, 19-0.

Special recognition should be given to the All-District blue bruisers who made a strong effort to help realize that dream. Maybe, through their efforts, their successors will.

Frosty Hanley -- Honorable Mention, Center; All District, Defensive End

James Villafranca -- Honorable Mention, Defensive Back

Among the great are the people who will try to find that dream in '76.

Travis Schaar - Defensive Halfback

Dan Bomersbach - Defensive Halfback

Steve Williams - Defensive Halfback

Robert Sustaita - Honorable Mention, Defensive Tackle

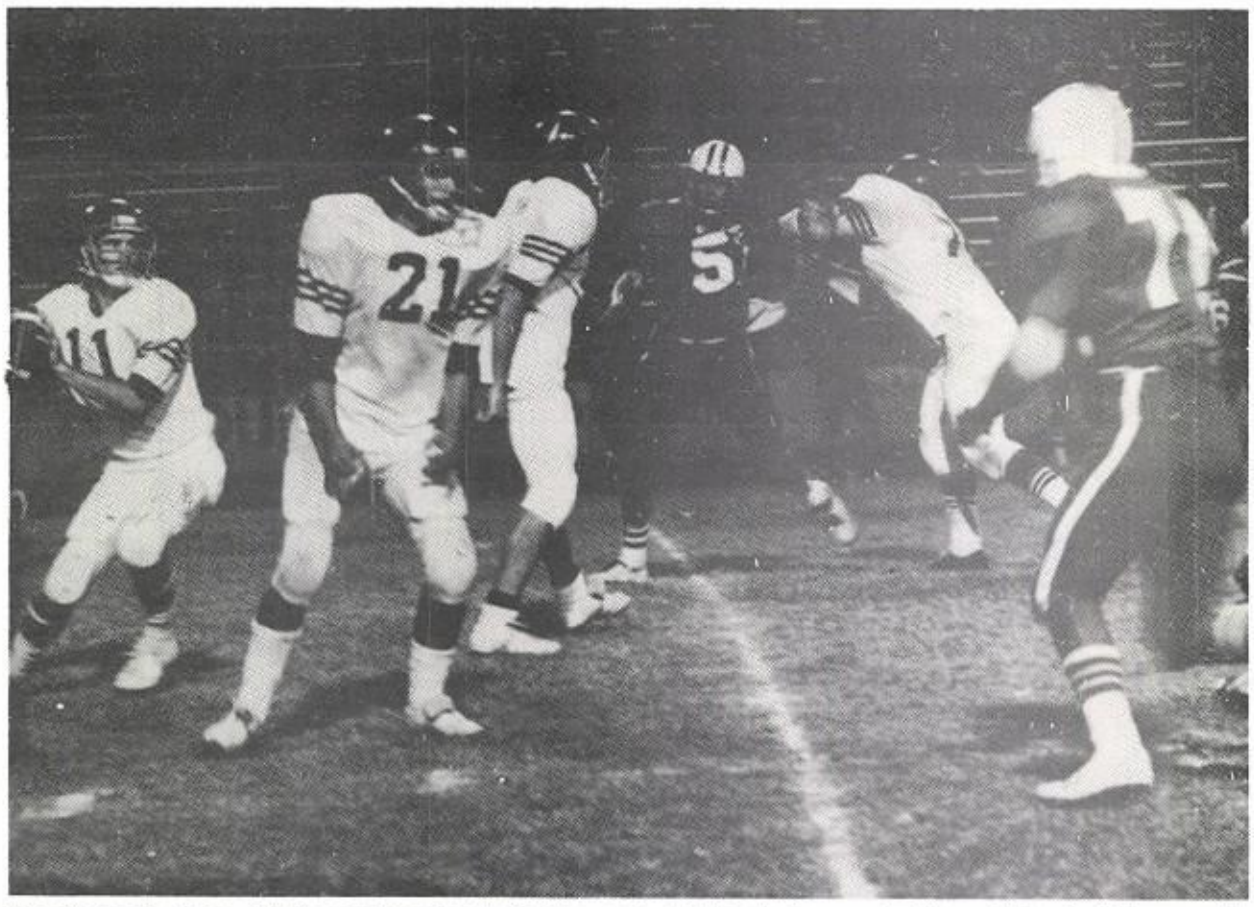
Mike Fossati - Fullback

Danny Dick - Tailback

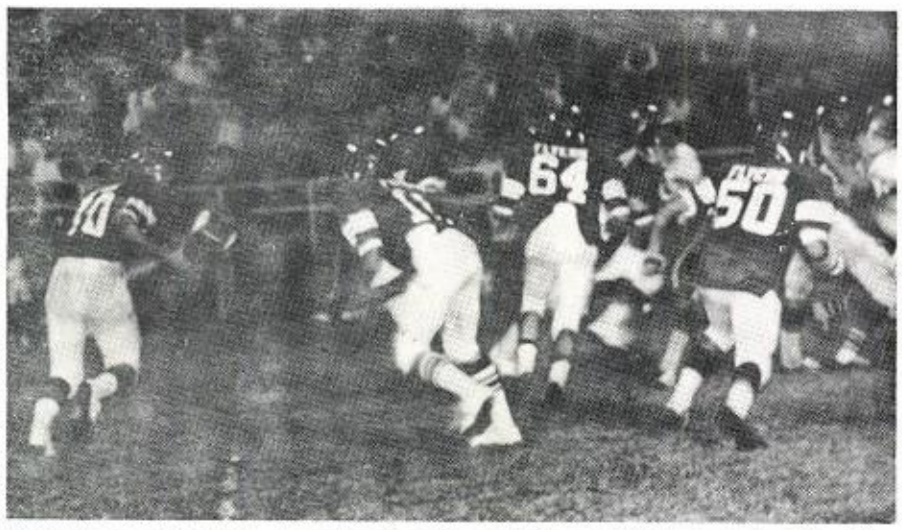
Ed Huse - Tackle

Louise Hornets swarm on a Flyer back as he is dropped for a one-yard loss.

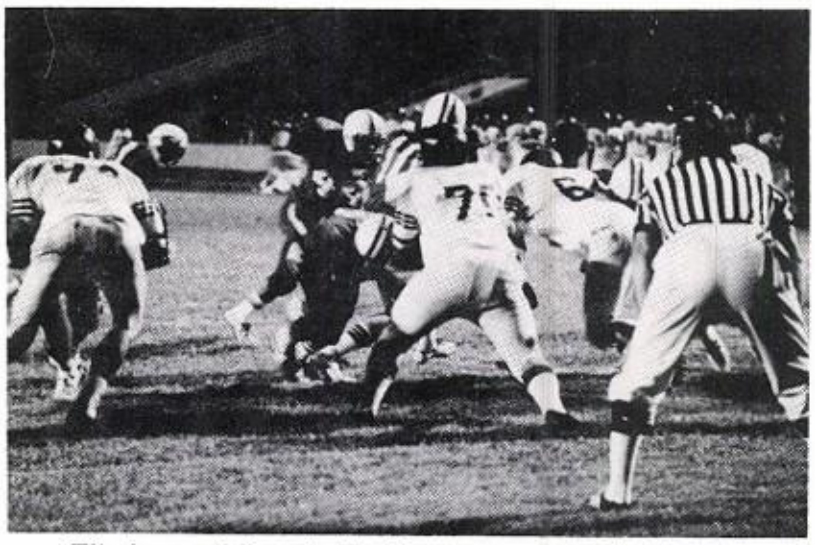
The assistant coaches, Terry Hannon and Lorenzo Hinojosa, confer on football strategy (?) on the sidelines.



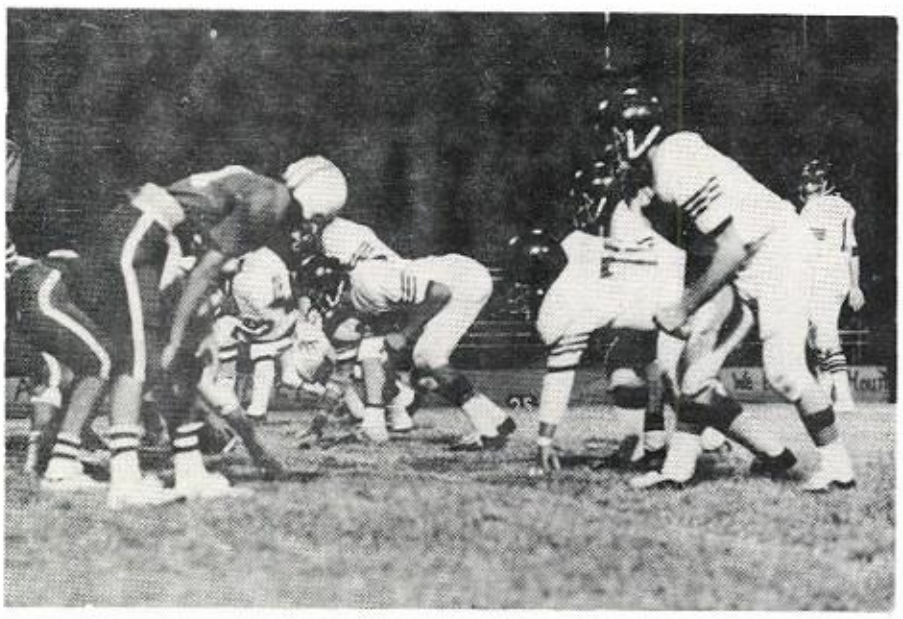
Quarterback Bebo Williams fades back in the pocket behind the protection of Travis Schaar and Danny Dick.



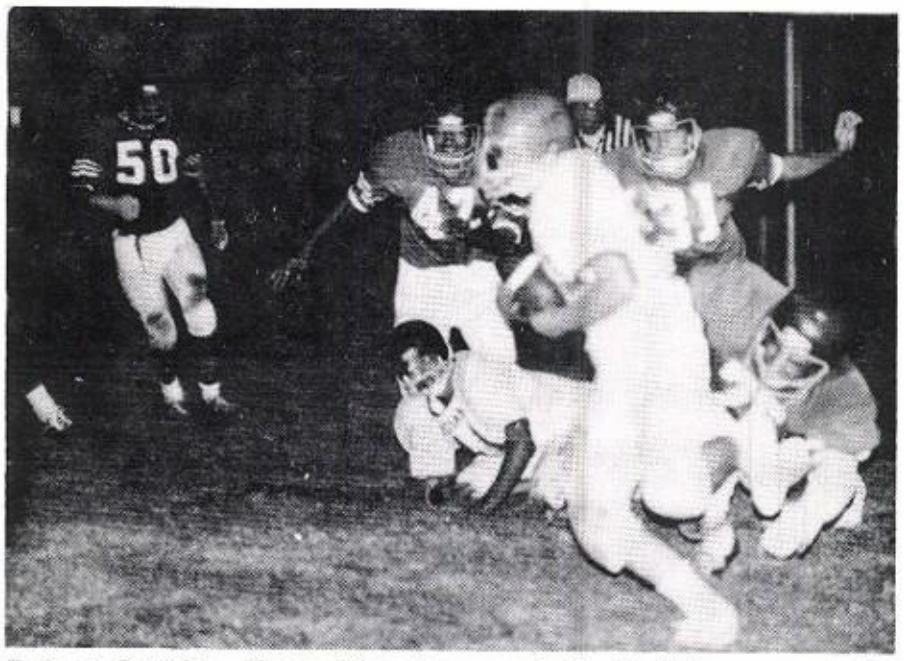
Robert Lee Sustaita, Lonnie Koehl, and Danny Dick lead the blocking while Quarterback Bebo Williams pitches to Mike Fossati on a sweep.



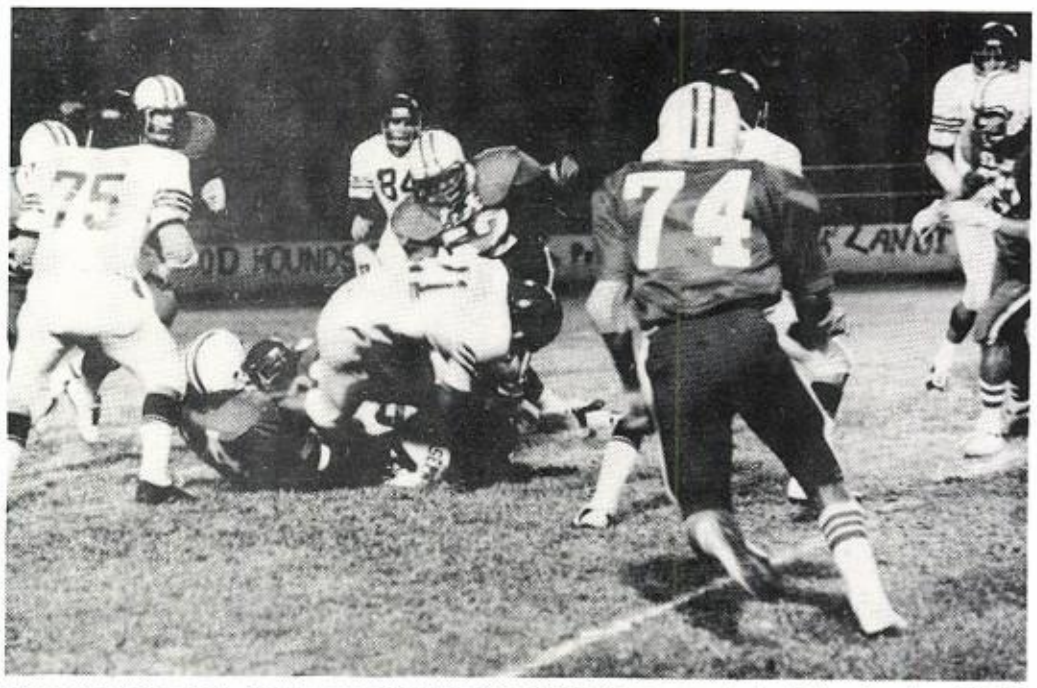
Thomas Tijerina, and Lonnie Koehl prepare to tackle the Bloodhound fullback for a loss in Sams Memorial Stadium in Brownsville.



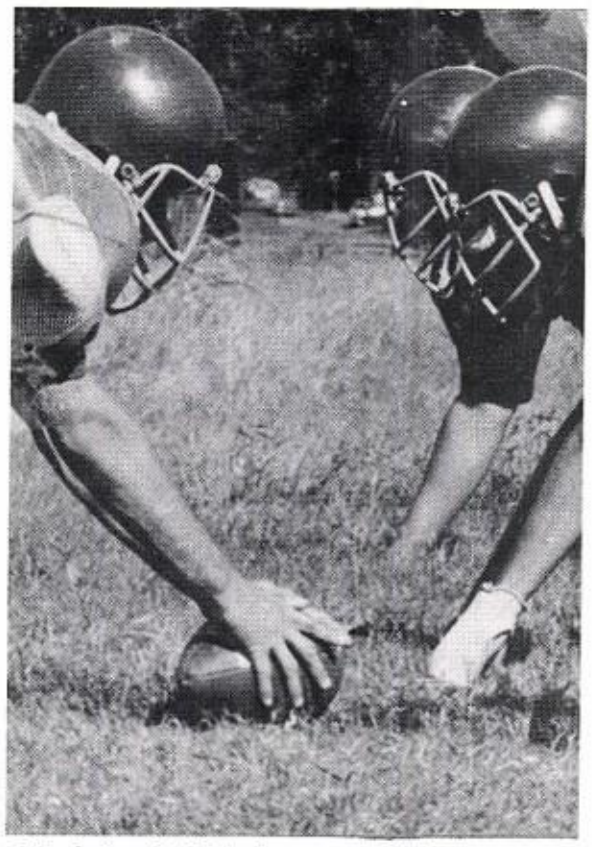
Tenseness. Just before the snap, the Flyer defense prepares for the charge of the Brownsville Bloodhounds. Brownsville won the game after a very close first half, 19-0.



Robert Sustaita, Henry Humphrey, and Travis Schaar pursue the ballcarrier while Ed Huse makes an attempt at a diving tackle. Henry and Travis know something that this Indian doesn't.



Danny Dick goes down as Brownsville defenders penetrate into the backfield despite the efforts of St. Joe linemen.

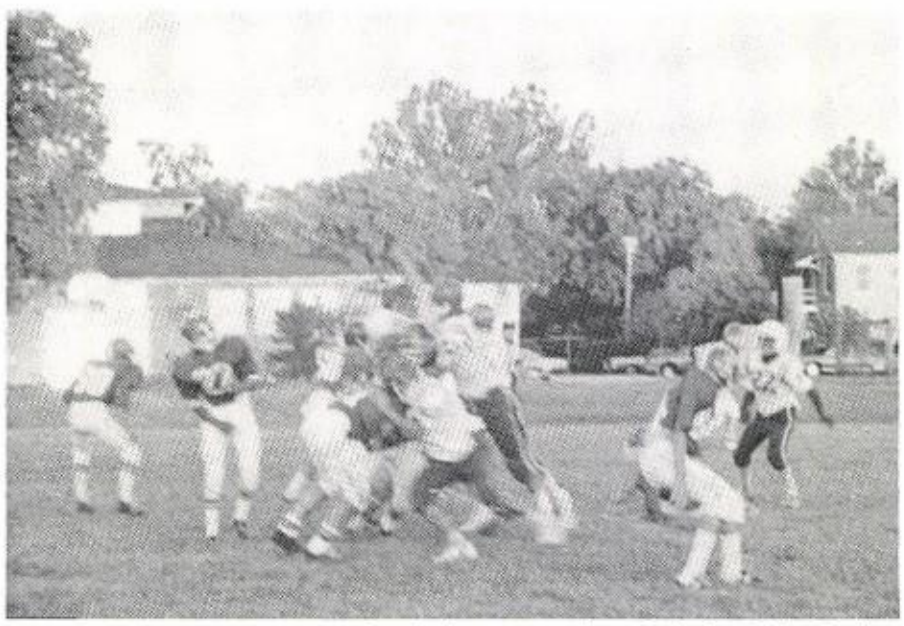


No Man's Land. This show reveals the tenseness of a lineman and the enemy he faces.

J.V. Football

St. Joe J. V. meets Palacios at St. Joe. On an end around, the Flyers gained good yardage on their way to beating Palacios 16-0.

The Team is elated after a well-deserved victory.



The J. V. boys punt out of a tight spot against Palacios. The Junior Flyers had a 2-3 record this year.

Members of this year's Junior Varsity football squad: left to right, First Row: Stephen Latimer, Frankie Drozd, Marc Hinojosa, Mike Gonzales, Gary White, Pat Hanley, Oscar De Los Santos. Second Row: Jesse Loa, Richard Sustaita, John Belz, David Jurica, Roland Rivera, Ernest Munoz. Third Row: Joe Pribyl, Doug Hungerford, Jim Coffey, Ricky Danko, Peter Stevenson, Steven Taylor. Fourth Row: Charles Zafereo, Mike Hiller, Gerard Hungerford, Joel Fossati, Raul Loa, Joe Salinas.

Flyer Girls Take Third In State

A jubilant Coach Pauley talks with Dion Holm after winning third in State at the San Antonio State Basketball Tourney.

The '76 Flyer girls' basketball team finished the year under the direction of Coach Debbie Pauley, ranked No. 3 in the state, as well as sole possessors of the District 6AA crown.

Slamming St. Paul in the cage opener, 39-33, the girls found the going tough in their second game with the Cardinalettes; they fell, 47-35, their only district loss.

The girls found Sacred Heart to be easy picking; bopping the Indianettes in both games, 55-31 and 65-43. Bishop Forest proved to be no competition for the Flyers, as both games proved; 75-35 and 53-47.

By virtue of the St. Paul loss, the girls were forced to humiliate the Cardinalettes one more time; this time at a different roost. Cuero may be where America talks turkey, but on this day they were talking dead Cardinalettes; STJ prevailed, 52-40.

This put the Flyers in the home of the Spurs; the Hemisfair Arena in San Antonio, and the State Tournament.

In a record game, one which saw two overtimes, the girls saw victory fade away, falling to Ennis St. John 35-32. They preserved their No. 3 ranking by routing Houston Marion, 65-36. If the Flyers had been able to avoid St. John in the first game, the possibility remains that they would have been ready for them in round two. Even if losing in round two, the girls would have been at least ranked No. 2 a ranking they certainly deserve.

STJ placed Roberta Zafereo, Melanie Enke, and Catherine Hiller on the All District list. Hiller and Enke also received All-Tournament honors for their play in the state games. The Flyers finished with a 17-11 record.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team: (First Row) Joyce Cavazos (mgr.), Lydia Bianchi, Melanie Enke, Molly Stevenson, Catherine Hiller, Tammy Post, (Second Row) Frances Lyster, Darlah Blough, Peggy Roznovsky, Roberta Zafereo, Mary Beck, Colleen Cullen, Amy Williams.

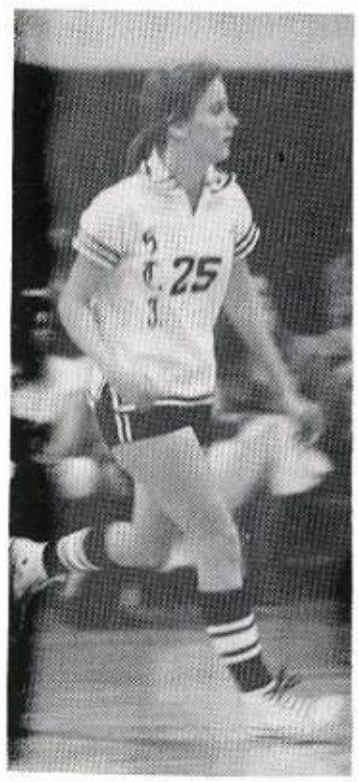
Mrs. Pauley counsels her team before she joins the exes in the Varsity-Exes game. In the game, Mrs. Pauley humiliated her charges because she was 6 inches taller than anybody else.

Berta Zafereo looks for the open woman in a District game.

Catherine Hiller plays defense in the postseason playoff game against Shiner.

Exes vs. St. Joe Varsity.

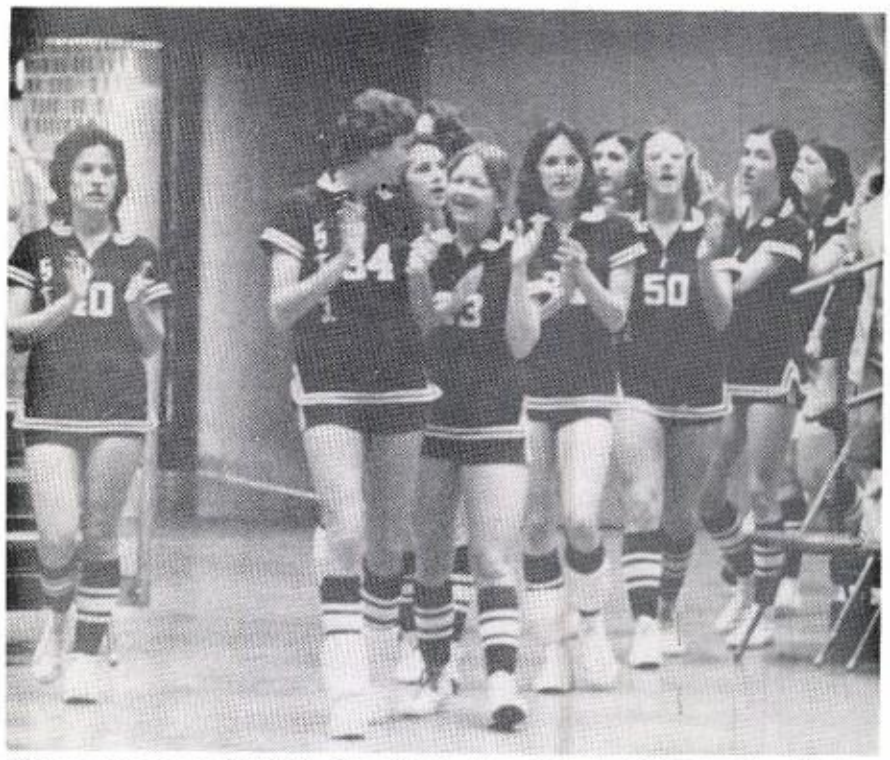
Flyer forwards in action against St. John's of Ennis at the State Tournament in San Antonio.



Julie Sartor plays offense for St. Joe.

Melanie Enke at the free throw line.

Catherine Hiller and Fran Lyster block out while Darlah Blough rebounds.



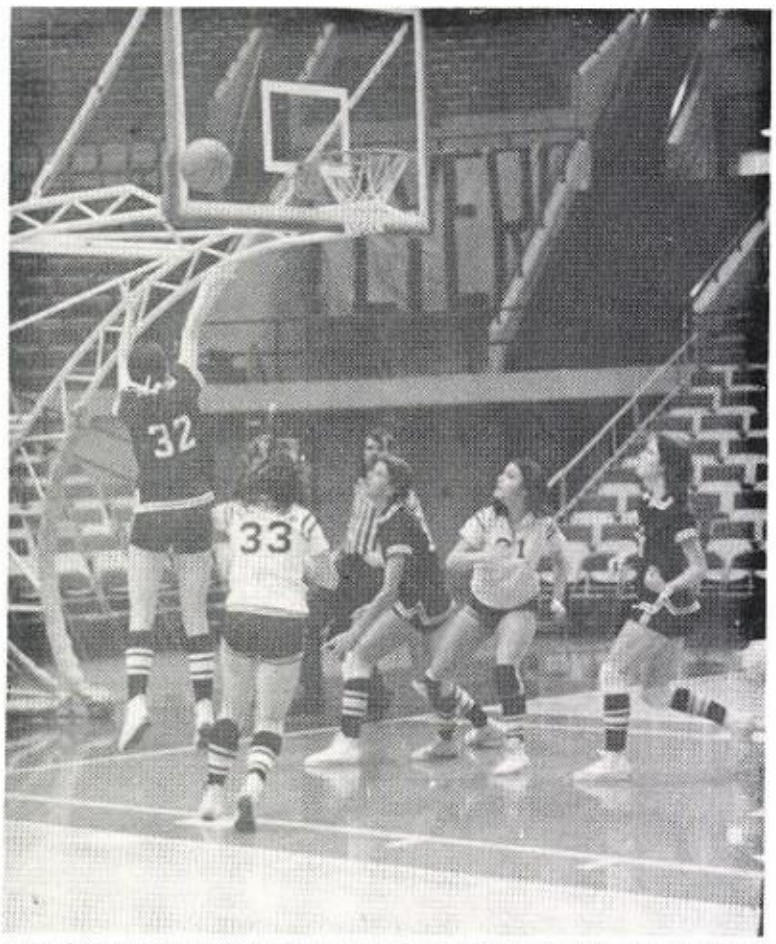
"Here we come." This chant led the girls to third in the State.

"Berta, you remember your last basket? Well, our goal's on the other end!"

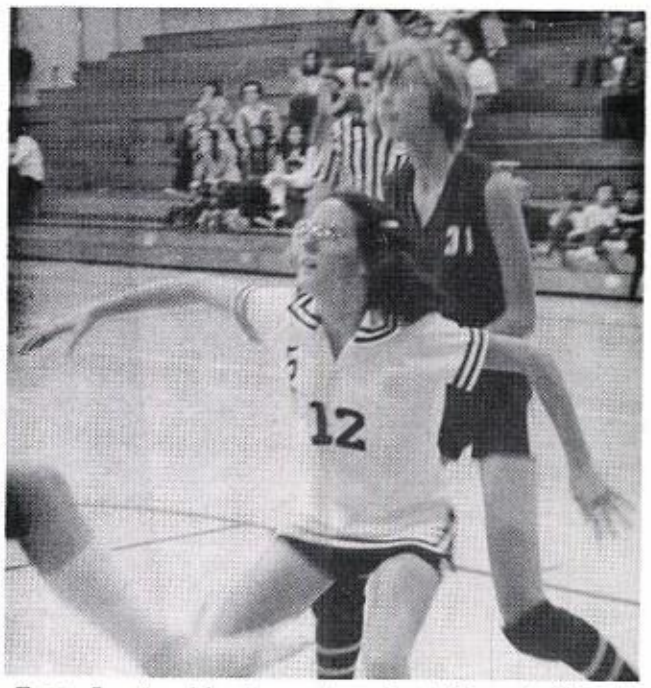
Molly Stevenson and Mary Beck hard at work on defense.

Lydia pivots and drives against the opposition.

Darlah Blough tips off against Cathy Wagner in the exes game.



Melanie Enke goes in for a layup against St. John's of Ennis.



Fran Lyster blocks out against Sacred Heart.

Girls' J.V. Closes Season With 8-8 Record

J. V. Girls' Basketball Team. First Row: Kathie Gomez (mgr.), Lucy Welder, Patty Hiller, Denise Blough, Kristy Krippel, Kathy Lozano (mgr.). Second Row: Jane Hauschild, Karen Waida, Molly Thibodeaux, Charlotte Moody, Trisha Enke, Lisa Heinrich.

Charlotte Moody sets up the play for the offense against St. Paul, Shiner.

Kristy Krippel shows the correct to-the-baseline defensive play against Yorktown. The basketball players, both boys and girls, learned to play a lot of defense this year and ended up on many practice days with the "baseline blues."

Boys' Varsity Basketball

STJ Boys' Varsity Basketball Team: (First row) Bryon Pantel, Robert Lee Sustaita, Tim Terry, Dickey Hanley, (second row) Frosty Hanley, Lee Pribyl, Michael Cavazos, Ronnie Payne, Danny Dick.

Our good ole' basketball. The Flyers made sure it found the net a lot this season.

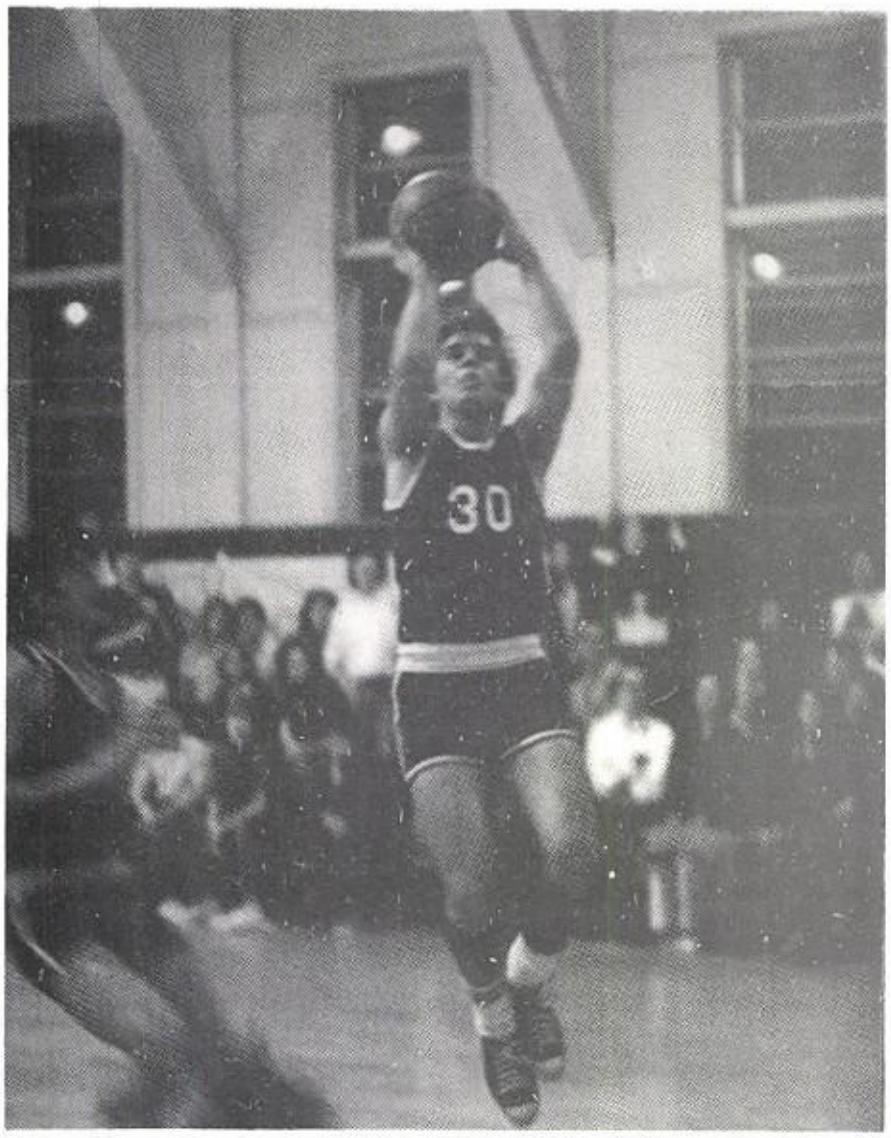
The Flyer basketball team ended the year with a 14-13 record and a share of the District 6AA crown. Under the leadership of Coach Terry Hannon, STJ shared the top roundball spot with Shiner St. Paul and Hallettsville Sacred Heart, who represented the district in the playoffs.

Covering the district season, the Flyers lost a heart-stopper to St. Paul at the roost, 60-52. But that couldn't be compared to the freight-train the Cardinals met a couple of weeks later when they ventured to test the Flyers at our home airport; they were jet-lagged, 55-48.

The Flyers looked to have dominated Sacred Heart in basketball as well as football in their encounter; STJ took it, 53-49. The second game was different, however, as the Indians won it Little Bighorn style, 55-35. The Flyers took both games of the Bishop Forest series, winning 66-57 and 85-73.

STJ lost in the first round of the district playoffs, falling to St. Paul, 54-51.

The Flyers placed Dickey Hanley and Robert Sustaita on the All-District list.



Bryon Pantel on a jump shot. Just like blowing bubbles.

Mike Cavazos lays it in against St. Paul in Yorktown. The game went badly for the Flyers who were plagued by the flu.

Members of the team huddle with Coach Hannon.

Robert Sustaita drives on a pick set by Ronnie Payne in a game against the Yorktown Wildcats.

Flyer J.V. Basketball

Left: "The Weeds and the Moths"; (kneeling) Brent Smolik, Gary White, Marc Hinojosa, Jim Coffey, Stephen Latimer, (standing) Dale Pahmiyer, George Sartor, Chris Denison, Peter Stevenson, Steven Taylor, Joe Salinas.

Center: Hinojosa and Latimer pace the defense in a home stand.

Below: Pahmiyer goes up for the tip while teammates Denison (40), Smolik (12), Hinojosa and Taylor (hidden) wait below.

STJ Girls Win State Title

Batting practice develops a sure eye and quick reflexes. Here, Angie Bochat bats while Marita Buh ler whips "the old ball" by her.

The Saint Joseph High School Girls Softball Team won the TCIL State Championship held in San Antonio on September 26-27, 1975.

In their first game, St. Joseph whipped St. John's of Ennis 17-3, and then came from behind to win the second game 12-11 against Beaumont Kelly. At one time in this match, the STJ girls trailed 11-2 before pulling in their victory.

This put St. Joseph into the semifinals of the tournament at which time they came up against Port Arthur Bishop Byrne. The Victorians downed Bishop Byrne 9-8 in the first combat. Losing immediately after that 2-13 against the same opponents forced them into a two-out-of-three situation. The St. Joseph team won their third game 15-4 and thus captured the state AA title.

Four St. Joseph players received all-state honors in the tournament. They were Darlah Blough, Trisha Enke, Jane Hauschild and Tammy Post.

This, the first, STJ Softball team was coached by Miss Debbie Nelson, now married to Denny Pauley.

Julie Sartor shows grace(?) and sure footedness(?) in her fielding.

Debbie Conti at batting practice.

State Champs: (first row) Debbie Conti, Joyce Cavazos, DeAnna Huse, Tammy Post, Valerie Cavazos, Anne Gomez, (second row) Julie Sartor, Catherine Hiller, Denise Blough, Trisha Enke, Angie Bochat, (third row) Marita Buhler, Molly Thibodeaux, Diane Fabian, Coach Pauley, Roberta Zafereo, Darlah Blough, Jane Hauschild.

Varsity Baseball Team: (first row) Dickey Hanley (mgr.), Marc Hinojosa, Robert Lee Sustaita, Brent Manning, Bebo Williams, Bryon Pantel, Oscar DeLos Santos, (second row) Eddie Huse, Paul Woytkewicz, Dale Pahmiyer, Greg Smith, Michael Cavazos, Mark Scherer, Danny Dick, Dan Bomersbach .

Varsity Baseball

The age of Flyer dominance in baseball was ended this year as Hallettsville's Sacred Heart Indians pushed their contingent of diamond demons forward to the state tournament. The Flyers of Coach Steve Tibiletti bowed out of the district race with a 6-12 record while pacing 2-4 in district.

Reviewing the highlights of the district season, the Flyers shouldered a tough defeat at the hands of Sacred Heart in the opener, 9-7 in fifteen innings. The only Flyer wins in the district sweepstakes were registered over St. Paul (3-0) and Bishop Forest (12-5).

Flyer ace Mark Scherer saw more action on the mound than either Dan Bomersbach or Paul Woytkewicz, compiling a 6-6 overall and 2-3 district pitching record.

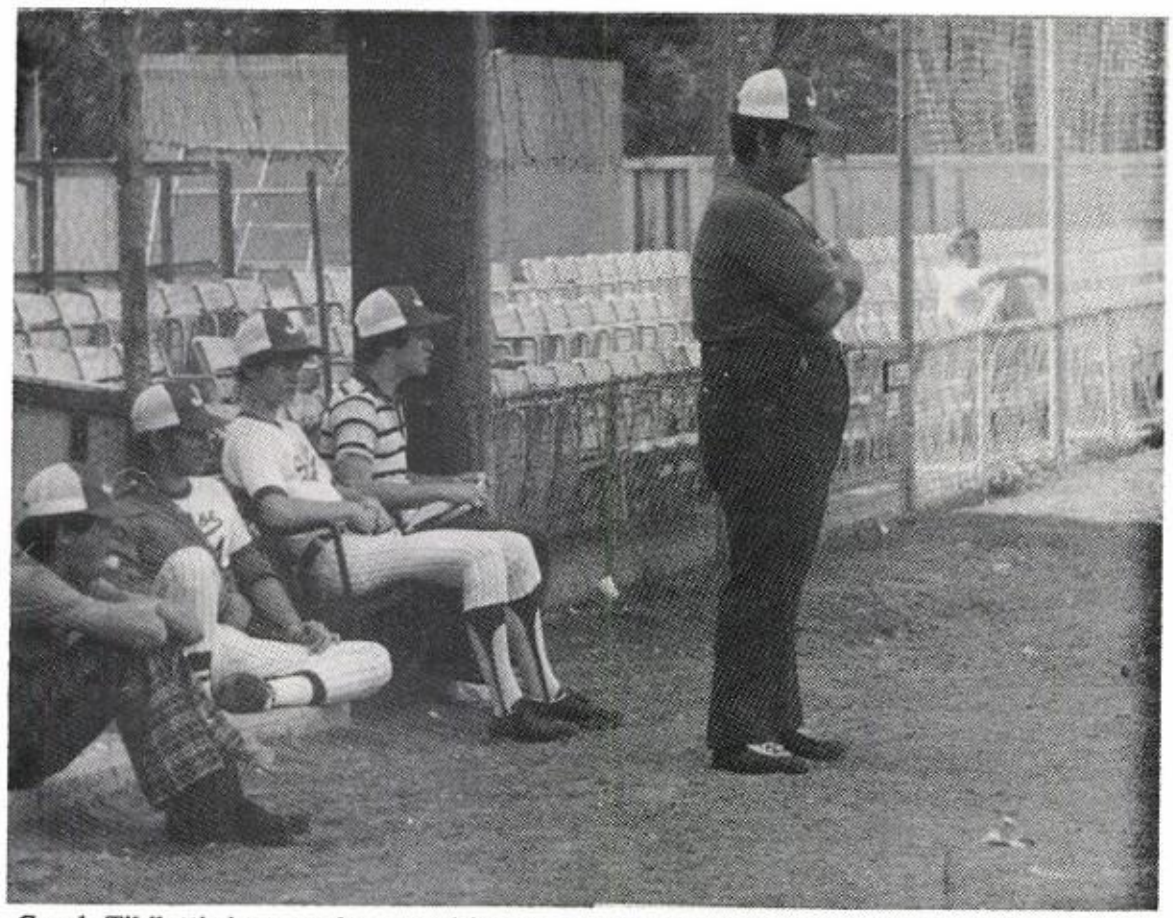
Strong hitting for the season came from Scherer and Danny Dick, shortstop.

The Flyers participated in the V.I.S.D. Tournament, as well as traveling to Cuero, Yorktown, and Port Lavaca.

Mike Cavazos, Bryon Pantel, and Dennis Baros were the only returning seniors from the '75 state finalist; Pantel being the only returning senior starter. Other returning starters came from the junior class; Steve Williams (second base), Greg Smith (first base), Dan Bomersbach (center field), and Ed Huse (catcher).

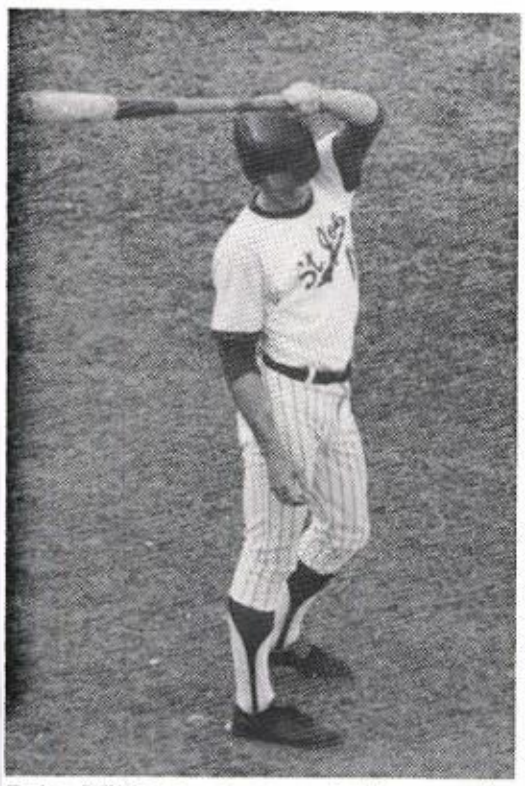
Rounding out the team this year were sophomores Oscar De Los Santos, Brent Manning, and freshman Marc Hinojosa.

Coach Tib advises Mike Cavazos on his fielding.

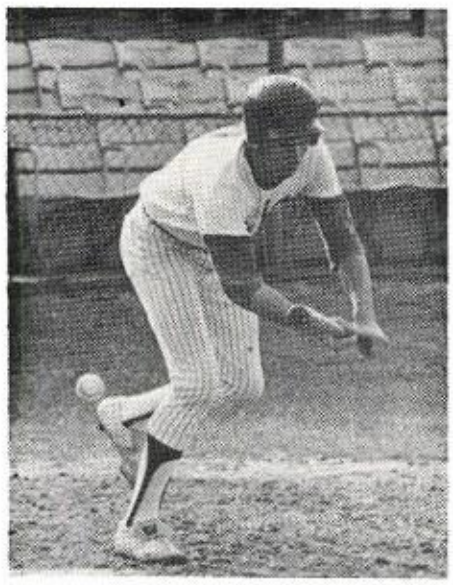


Coach Tibiletti sizes up the opposition while the rest of the team waits to take the field.

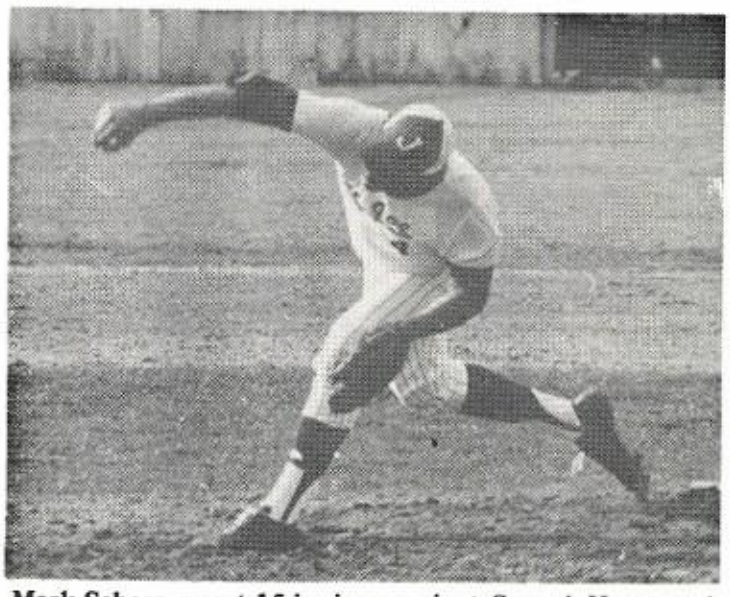
Dan Bomersbach goes into his stretch in a game against the Edna Cowboys.



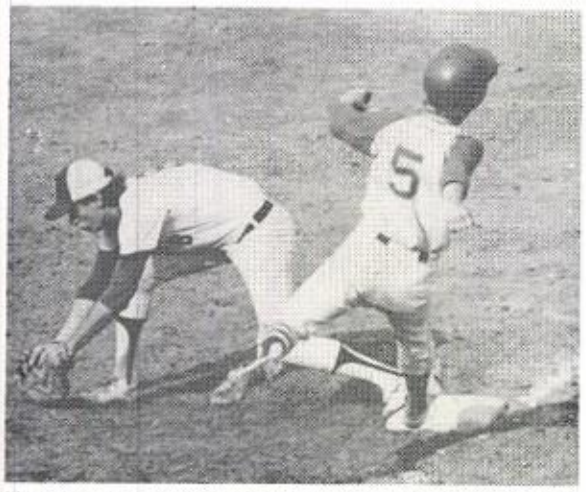
Bebo Williams warms up before coming to the plate.



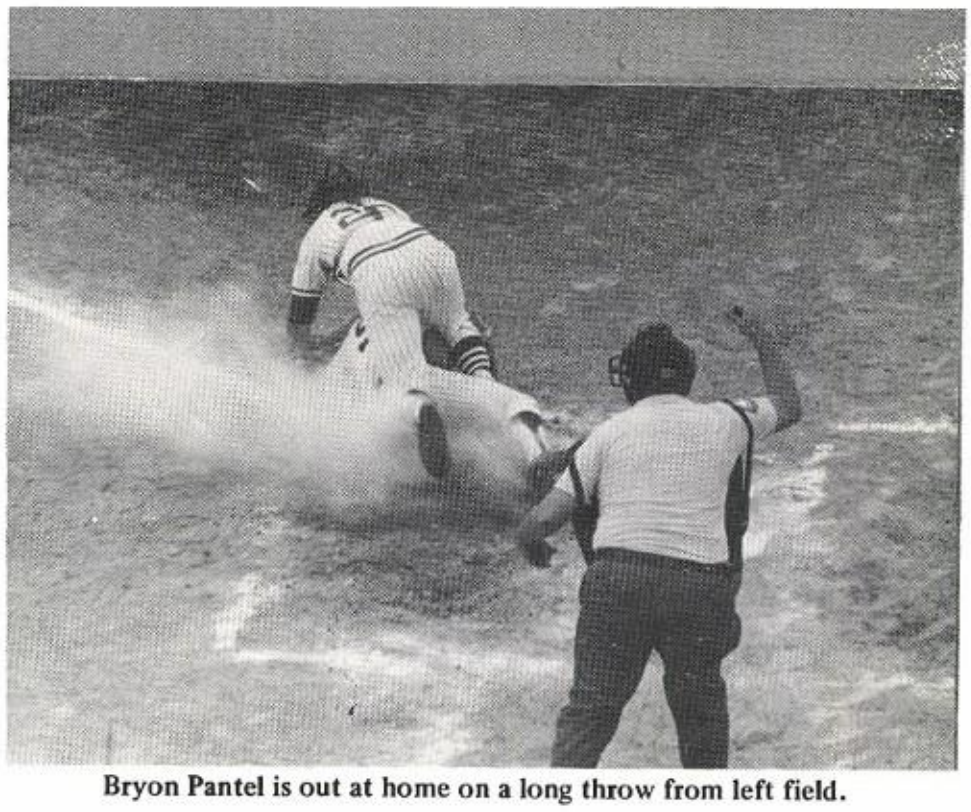
Greg Smith attempts to bunt during a squeeze play.



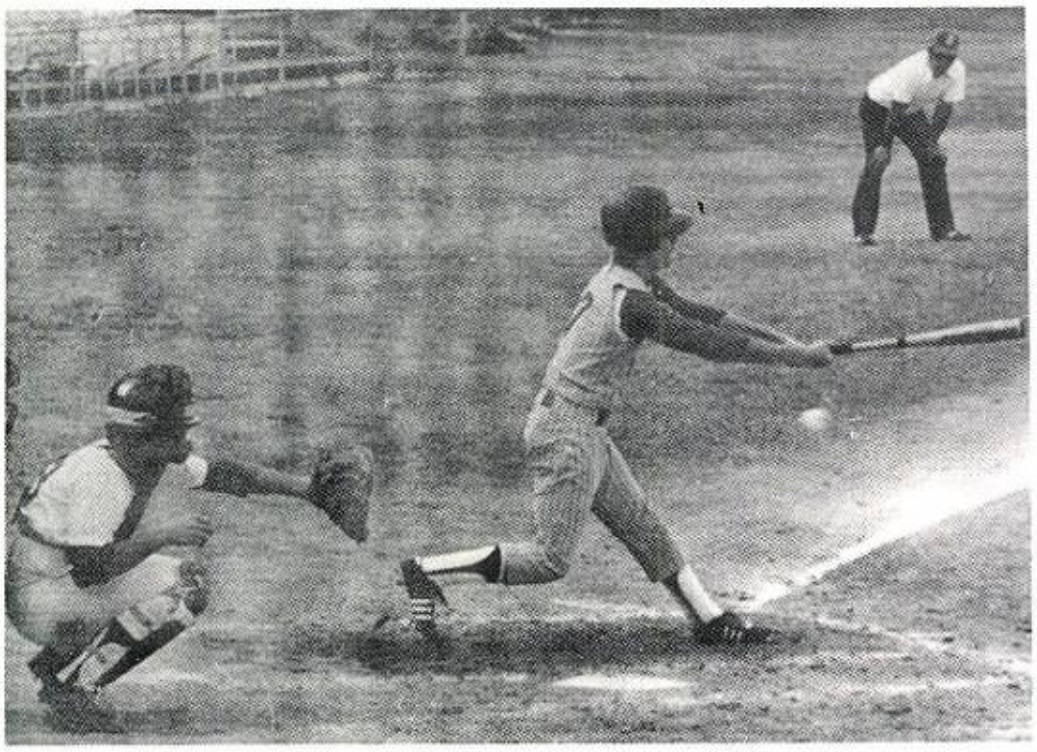
Mark Scherer went 15 innings against Sacred Heart and pitched more innings in District play than any other pitcher in District history.



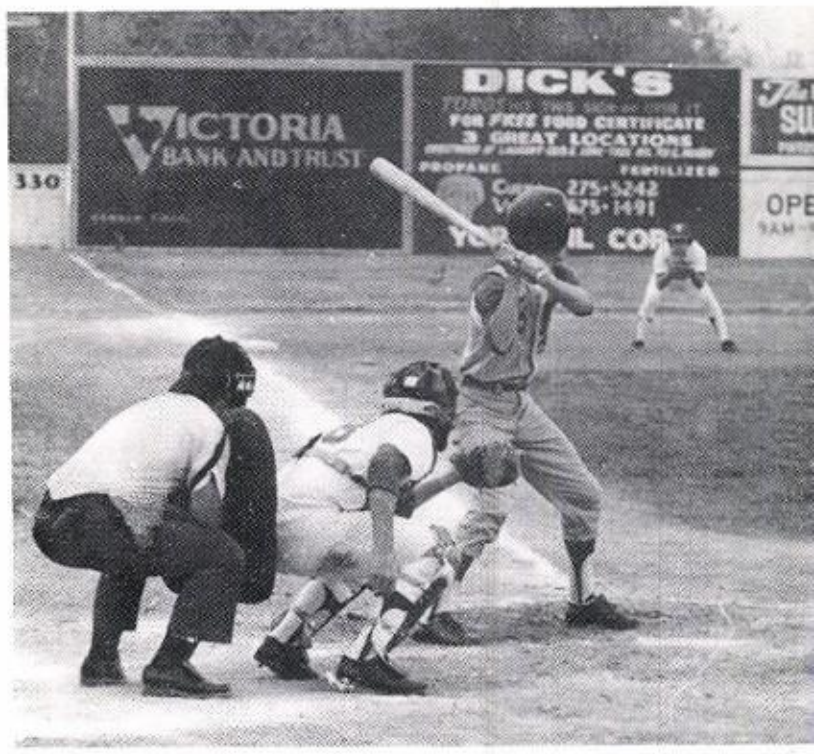
The St. Paul runner is out at first on a play to Greg Smith.



Bryon Pantel is out at home on a long throw from left field.



Jim Coffey is way ahead of the ball this time.



Brent Manning at the plate for the J. V.

Brent Smolik races to first as Mr. Pozzi urges him on.

Tim Jordan pitches for the J. V.

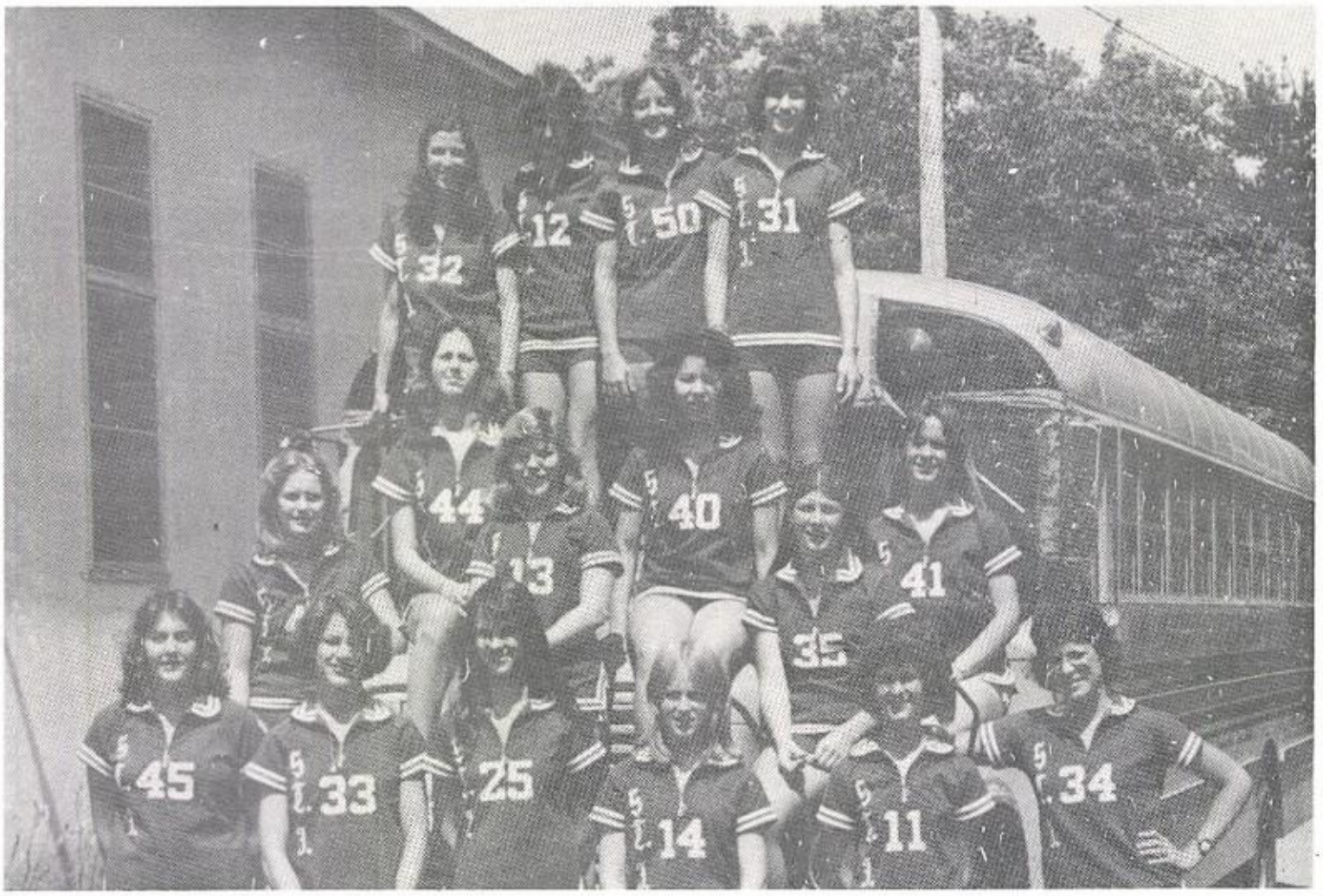
J. V. Baseball Team. Back row, left to right: Brent Smolik, Joe Salinas, Chris Denison, Bobby Buhler, Jim Coffey. Front row: Gary White, Stephen Latimer, Chris Aleman, David Villareal, George Sartor, and Mike Gonzales.

J.V. Baseball

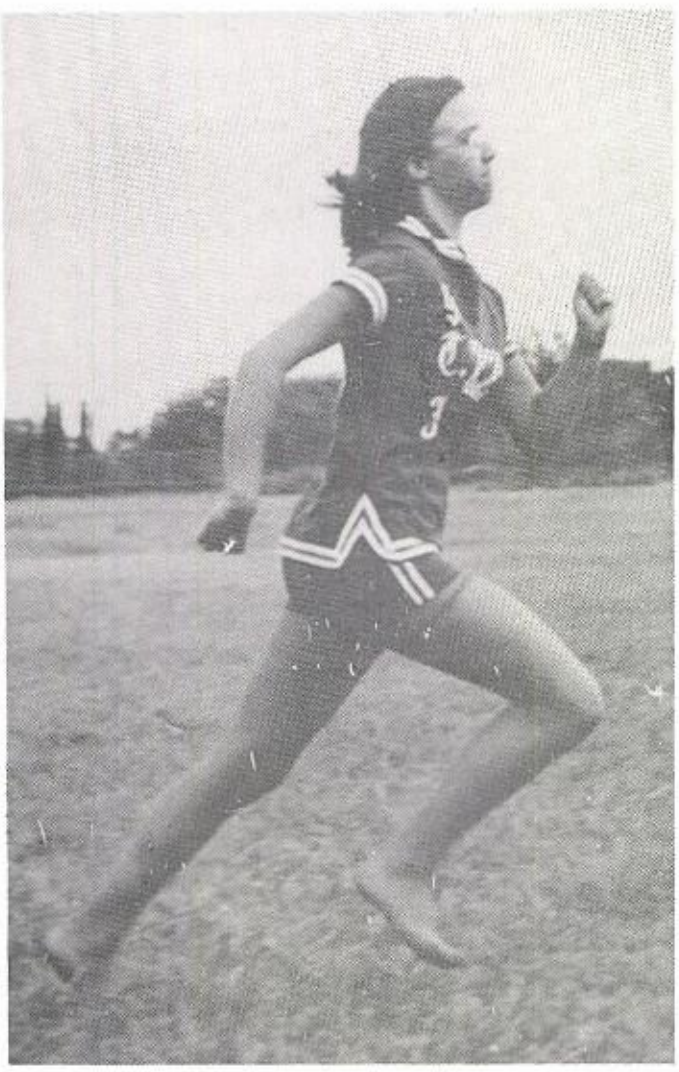
Coach David Pozzi helped his J. V. baseball team gain the experience necessary to carry on to the varsity years in routine to compiling a 1-5 season record.

Among the highlights of the Flyer J. V. season was the upset victory over Port Lavaca Calhoun (13-4) in a trouncing that left many an uplifted Flyer spirit. All in all, it was a season to be remembered and rebuilt on.

STJ Girls Run Track



1976 STJ Girls' Track Team. Back row, left to right: Melanie Enke, Frances Lyster, Mary Beck, Trisha Enke.Second row: Charlotte Moody, Stephanne Thompson, Kristy Krippel, Mary Creager, Patty Hiller, Colleen Cullen. Front row; Darlah Blough, Amy Williams, Bridey Dunn, Janine Dickinson, Debbie Wearden, and Margie Alvarez.



Angie Bochat in action.

All in all, it was a good year for the STJ Girls' Track Team. The team coasted to a second place finish in the annual district meet, ending only 13 pts. behind the winner, Hallettsville Sacred Heart.

Under the direction of Coach Debbie Pauley, the '76 Flyer team was composed of Senior Melanie Enke; Juniors Margie Alvarez, Mary Beck, Colleen Cullen, Patty Hiller, Frances Lyster, Charlotte Moody, Stephanne Thompson (mgr.), Debbie Wearden, Bridey Dunn, Darlah Blough, and Mary Creager; Sophomores Amy Williams, Trisha Enke; and Freshmen Angie Bochat, Janine Dickinson , and Kristy Krippel.

The girls totaled 38 pts. in their division for a sixth place finish in the ten team state meet. Melanie Enke placed fifth in the high jump in that meet; other St. Joe placers were Colleen Cullen (fourth in the triple jump), and Fran Lyster (fourth in the 100 yd. dash).

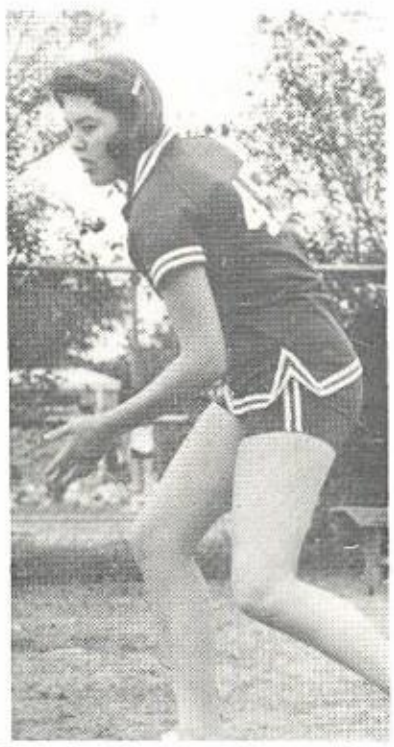
The departure of the team to the state meet was covered by the local T. V. station, KXIX Channel 19.

The Flyer Girls' Track Team of 1976 did a fantastic job for the season as a whole, and with a large group of experienced people returning with the spring, next year's team might just prove to be even tougher.

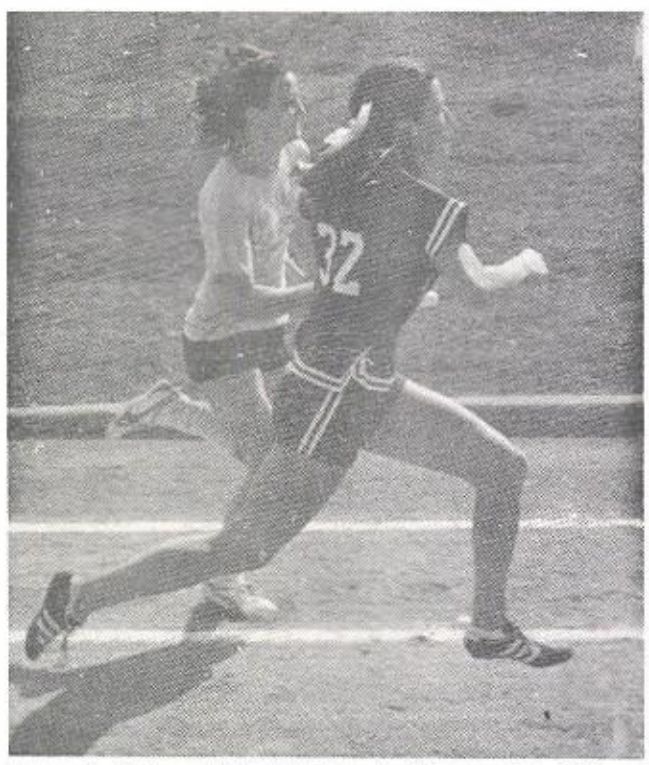
Charlotte Moody resolves at the finish, "If I can't break that rope fair and square, I'll grab it before she can!"

Hey Amy! Wait a minute! You're goin' the wrong way! Alvarez and Williams in action at the district track meet.

Fran Lyster, ahead of the pack, ponders, "Yeah, that cute Senior dude is down at the finish line, still watchin' me!"



Darlah Blough after discus throwing. "Oh my gosh! That flying saucer just picked off a judge, both coaches, and three cheerleaders!"



Melanie (Winged Feet) Enke in the stretch. "Hey! Is that the guy that snatched your purse?"

Looks like "Wonder Woman" Enke missed her landing target. "Well, don't stand there looking, stupid. Do something!"

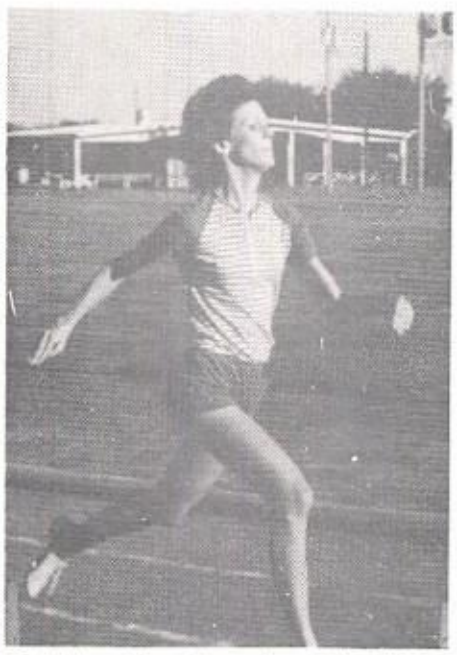
One of the judges must have yelled, "Hold everything!" Patty Hiller bounds the hurdles.

Mary Creager in the broad jump. "Will you silly boys stop screaming? It's only a bug!"

Amy Williams in the stretch. "When I finish this race, I'm going right up to that judge, and POW!!! right in the kisser!!"

"Did somebody say to break for lunch?" Stephanne Thompson and Bridey Dunn tackle the hurdles.

"They told me I could eat before this race!!" Kristy Krippel in the stretch.



Debbie Wearden in full flight.

Tough luck, Janine. The race was over five minutes ago. Dickinson on the far side.

Mary Beck in the discus throw. "See, Coach; I told you I could balance this dumb little plate behind my back."

Colleen in midair. "Did somebody yell MOUSE??!!"

Patty Hiller at practice. "Ohh!!! I'm supposed to run and then jump over the hurdle!"

"Now, just stay cool; I know I dropped it around here somewhere." Margie Alvarez at the blocs.

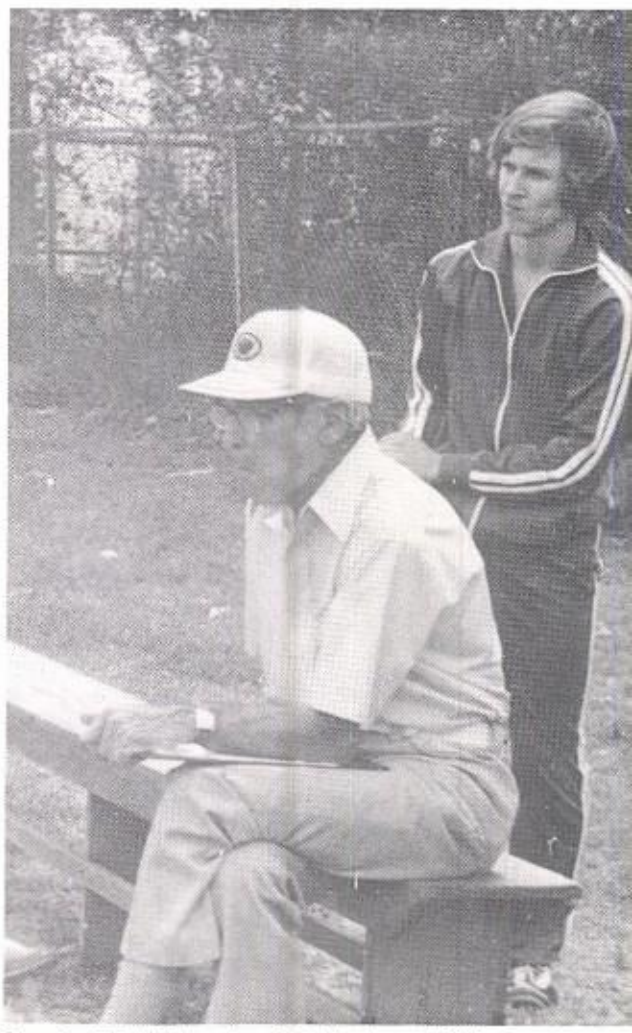
St. Joseph Boys' Track Team

The STJ Boys' Track Team.
First Row: Bobby Leon, Steve Prichard, Bebo Williams, Roland Rivera, Raul Loa. Second Row: Charlie Hennessey, Jesse Loa, Travis Schaar. Third Row: Allen Schaar, Dan Bomersbach, Ricky Danko, John Harris, Royce Nitschmann, David Jurica, Head Coach Ed Shinn.

The St. Joseph High School boy's track team under the experienced hand of Coach Ed Shinn outscored all other opponents in the district track meet in Schulenburg to wrap-up the title for the Flyers once again. The Flyers, anchored by strong showings from Travis Schaar and Dan Bomersbach, compiled 194 points to eliminate all other adversaries. First place honors were grabbed in all events with the exception of the 330 yd. hurdles. In the 440 yd. relay, the team of Bebo Williams, Raul Loa, Steven Prichard, and Schaar captured first place. The mile relay team of Roland Rivera, Raul Loa, Jesse Loa, and Bomersbach snared first place honors for the Flyers. In the 120 yd high hurdles David Jurica breezed to victory with Roland Rivera collecting third place. In the 100 yd. dash Prichard raced to a 10.5 sec. first place finish, while in the 220 yd. dash Travis Schaar and Prichard tied for first with time of 24.0 sec., while Williams grabbed second place. Schaar finished the day by collecting first in the 440 yd. dash followed closely by Bomersbach. In the 880 yd. dash Jesse Loa, and Allen Schaar finished first and second respectively.

In the field events Royce Nitschmann captured first in the shot put and third in the discus, while Bomersbach finished with a second place ribbon for the long jump.

In the State Track meet held in Houston at Strake Jesuit, the Flyers compiled 22 points and finished in the second half of the 17-team field in their class. Bright spots for the Flyers were first place finish in the 440 yd. dash by Travis Schaar and a second place position by Bomersbach in the long jump. Steven Prichard finished the scoring for the Flyers with a fourth place finish in the 100 yd. dash.

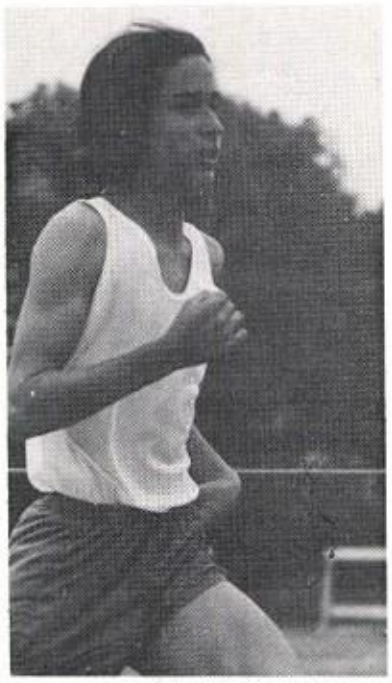


Coach Ed Shinn in Schulenburg. "Aw, come on coach; it's only our first second place finish."

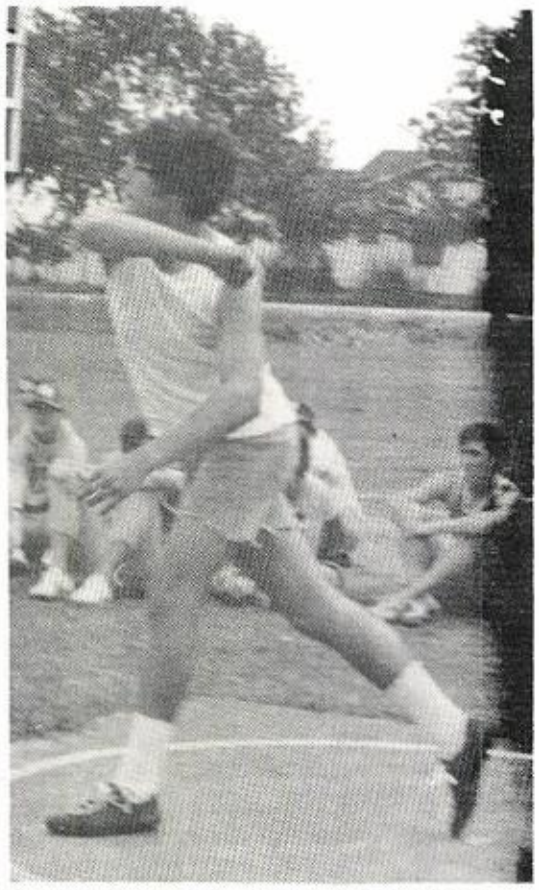
Looks like Allen Schaar missed the bus. "Maybe I can impersonate Johnny Rodriguez and ride my thumb to Victoria."

Bebo Williams in the broad jump. "Whatdya mean I finished second?"

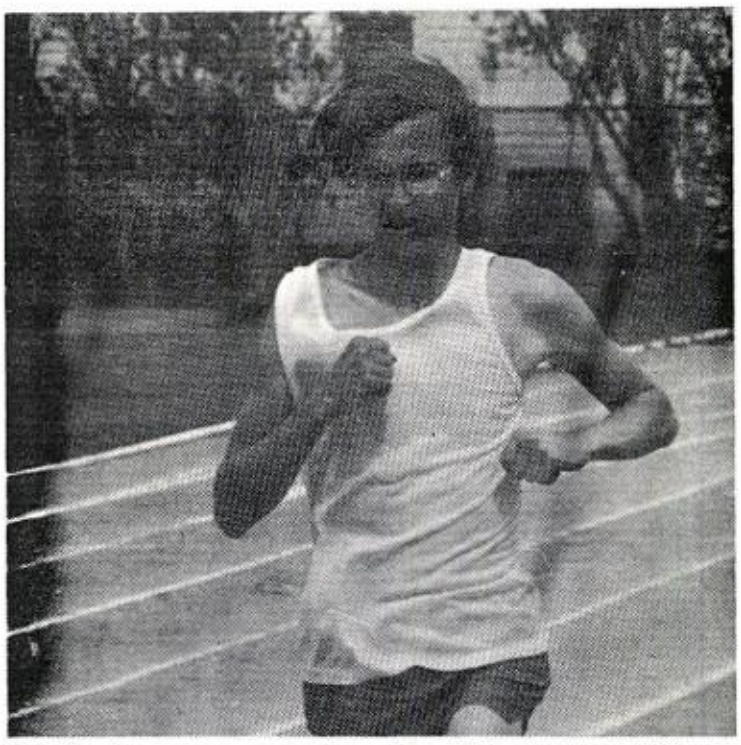
Dan Bomersbach in the high hump. When he found out he was going to state, he just flipped !!



Jesse Loa pleads, "But I'm barefoot! Why can't I run on the grass?"



Believe it or not, folks, there was a coach standing right in front of that circle until Nitschmann slung that sledge hammer of a fist around.



Charlie Hennessey runs the mile. "Now I know I forgot something, but I can't remember what it was."

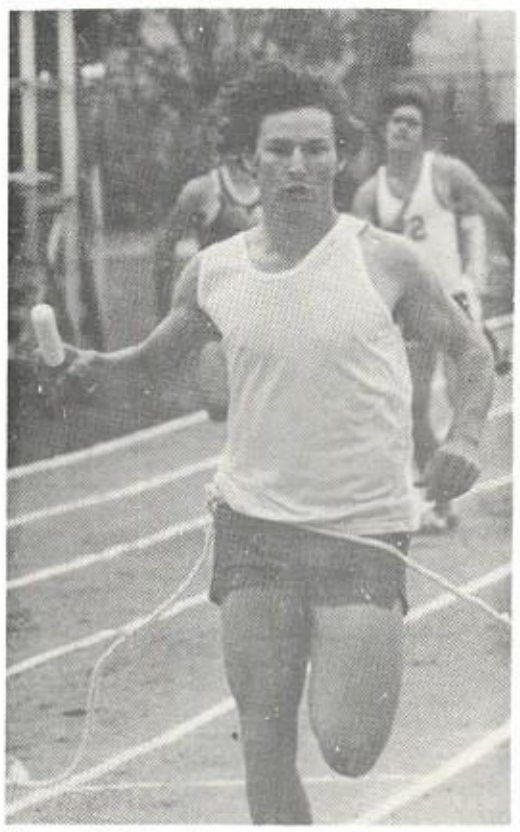
"Somebody catch him; he stole the timekeeper's watch!" And catching up was as close as anybody came to Prichard.

Raul (Redford) Loa flashes that famous Ultra-brite profile.

"Will somebody help me down before I fall off and hurt myself?" John Harris may require assistance.

Ricky Danko hauls in the speed during the stretch. "Oh wow! I just ran right over that guy back there. I wonder if this is my lane?"

Travis Schaar displays that famou smile that most people associate hir with; sometimes even, if it hurts.



Steve Prichard seems to have remembered something. "Aw shoot! I left my shoe at the starting line!"

Bobby Leon busting the rope. "Sorry kid, no autographs today."

Roland Rivera in the stretch. "Boy, that gust o wind just blew two bugs in my face!"

Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs

Mothers' Club President for 1976-77, Mrs. Henry R. Schaar.

Mothers' Club Correspondent Secretary, Mrs. Robert Latimer.

Mothers' Club First Vice-President, Mrs. Jerry Fabian.

Mrs. Richard Danko, Mothers' Club President chats with the President of the Fathers' Club and the Mothers' Club Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Williams, Jr.

Mrs. Charles Schaar, Mothers' Club Secretary, accompanies her husband through the reception line at the Senior Reception.

Fathers' Club Officers for 1976. Left to right: Mr. C. G. Atzenhoffer-Secretary, Mr. Dan Boltz-First Vice-President, Mr. Kemper Williams, Jr.- President, Mr. Joe Silva-Third Vice-President, Mr. Charles Hanley-Second Vice-President, Mr. B. L. Payne-Treasurer, Mr. John Villafranca-Board of Directors. Not pictured are two members also elected to the Board, Mr. Jimmy Jurica and Mr. Charles Wagner.

Judge & Mrs. Joe E. Kelly during the May 16th Senior Reception.

Drama Club

Whenever assistance is needed, Lee Mundine is usually there to help.

Tami Rech has got the right idea; if there're any sad parts to her plays, she just wipes them right out.

Looks like Elaine Morris is studying her script.

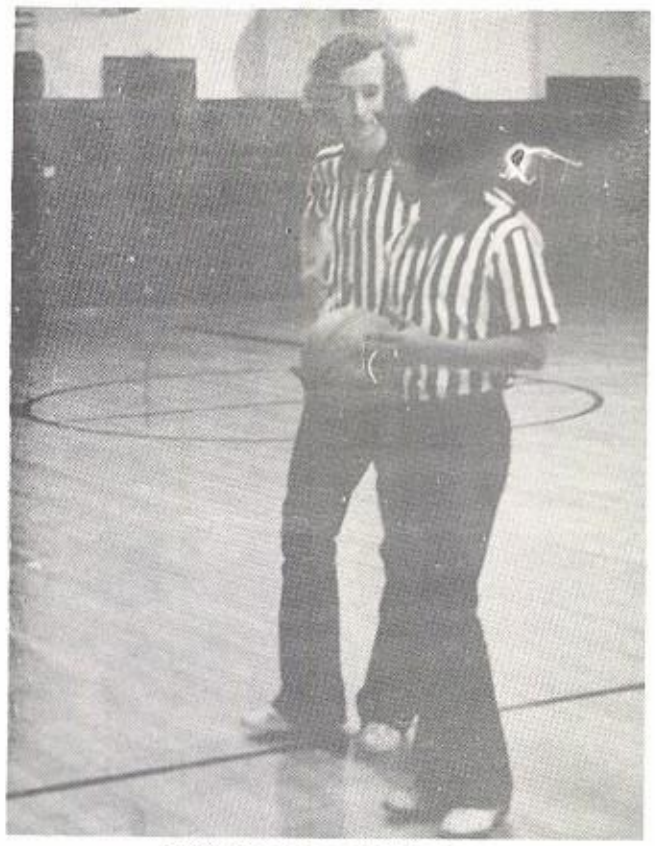
Melanie Nichols is checking out her latest character; this time AT & T is keeping tabs on that play-phone.

Well, what do you know! Judy Brennecke had time for a press photograph!

Gail (Eugene O'Neill) Duncan appears to be typing out her latest Broadway smash.

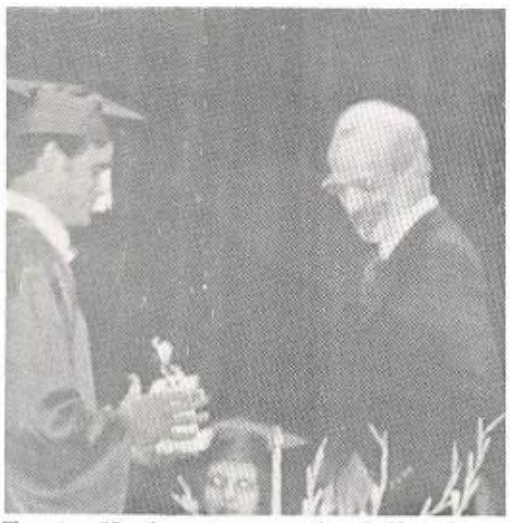
The Drama Club's newest star, Molly Thibodeaux.

Somebody has got to be either a cowboy or an Aggie. Me thinks this hombre is a little of both. Right Hanley?



Ref's Gohlke and Hinojosa.

Bich was almost surprised by our photographer.



Frosty Hanley accepts the Julius Jasek award from Board President Robert Dunn.

Boy! Whatever Fossati does, he does it the hard way. Lunch ala hand by Lucy Welder.

Heeeyyy! que pasa! Mr. Z !

Bomersbach (of the Dan variety) claiming second place honors at the State Meet.

Boston Celtic Sam Jones.

Junior Class

Smile Steve !

You're late, Allison.

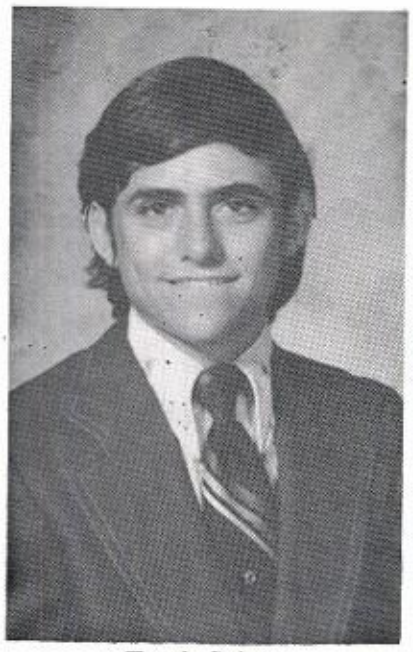
Was it funny, Paul ?

Keep punching away, Josephine

What's the latest gossip ?

Over here, Gloria !

Vincent helping out ?



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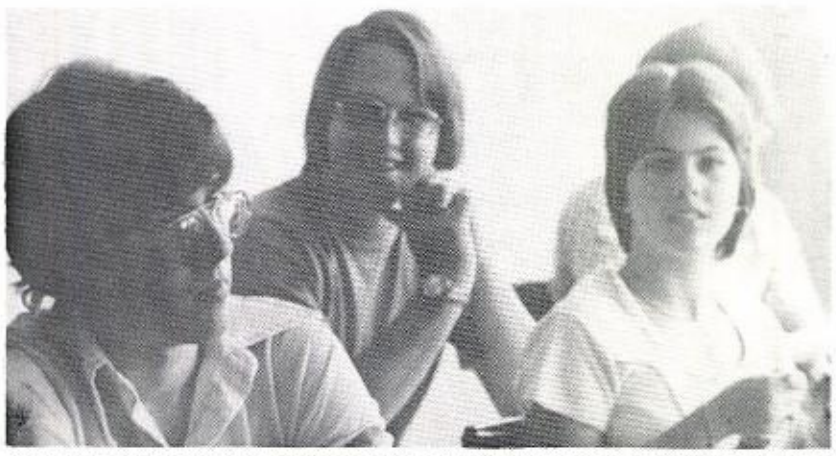
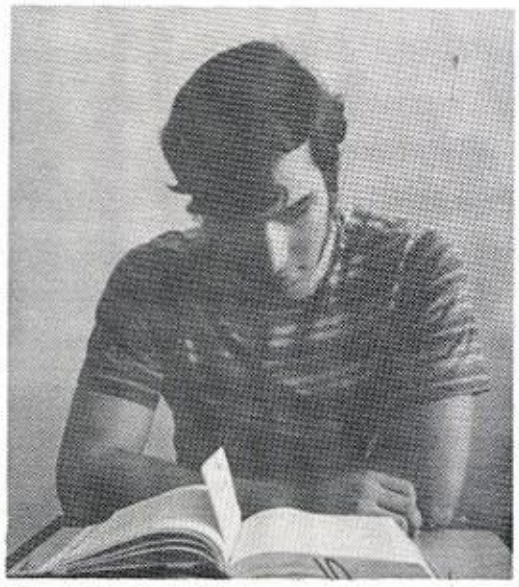
Secretary

Frances Lyster
Treasurer

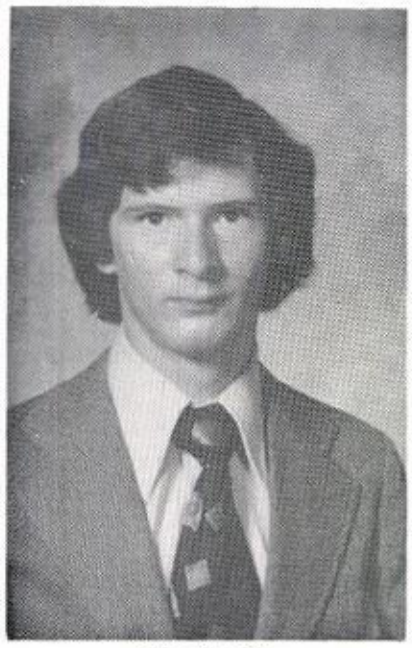


Hey, David and Nancy! Don't you think you should be paying attention like Tim is?



It might help if you open your eyes, Mark.

Don't be shy, Lydia.



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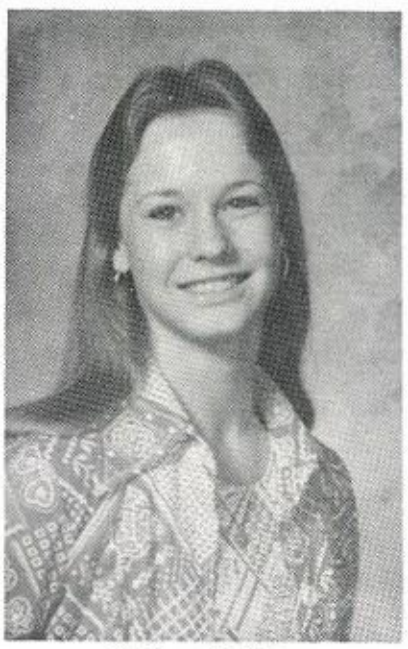

Colleen Cullen
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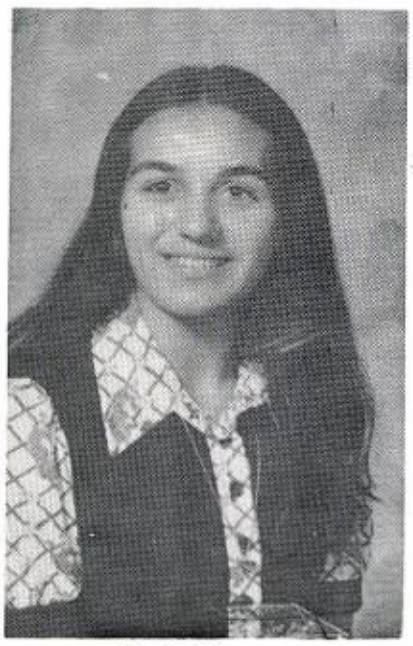

Doris Cano
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Royce Nitschmann
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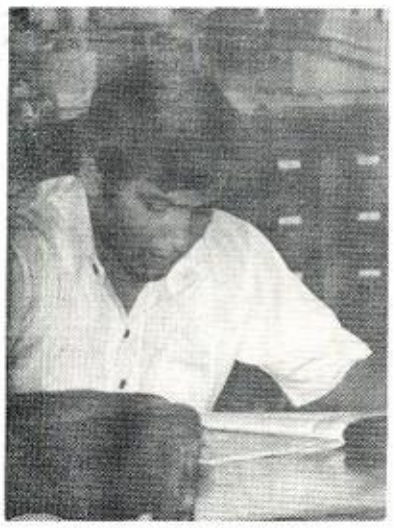
Looks like Teri is writing notes again.

Well, what do ya know! Janda is finally paying attention.

The Thinker??????????

Mary thinks something is funny.



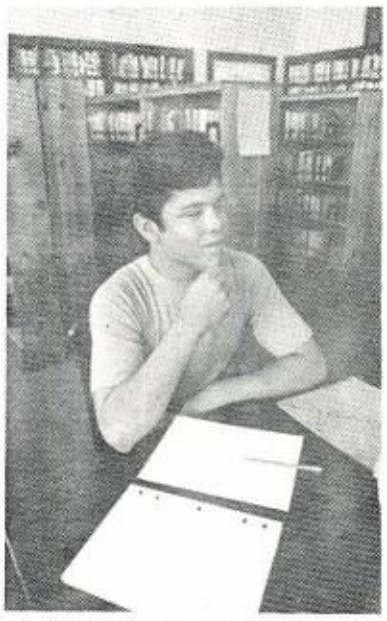
"Officer" Humphrey

What a big book you have there, Darlah!

Wagner sees something interesting.

Bebo must be interested in something.

Is history really that funny, Mike?



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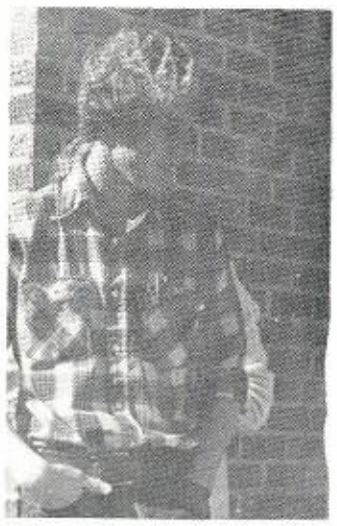


Ronnie should be in class.

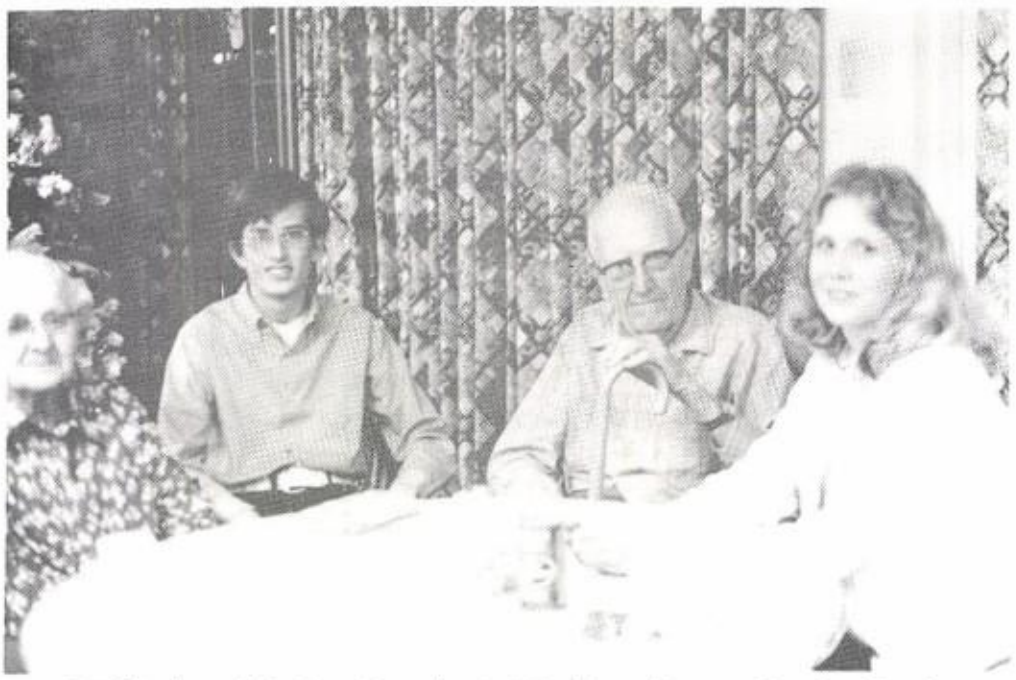
John finds something funny; and it's not in that book.

Dobie is watching the age grow on his desk.

Denyce is always in the middle of everything, even class.

STJ's own MAD scientist!

Waida doesn't know if the stuff this person is peddling is on the line or not.



Paul Janda and Barbara Drozd entertain the patients at Care Inn South.

Fireball Danny tears through another class.

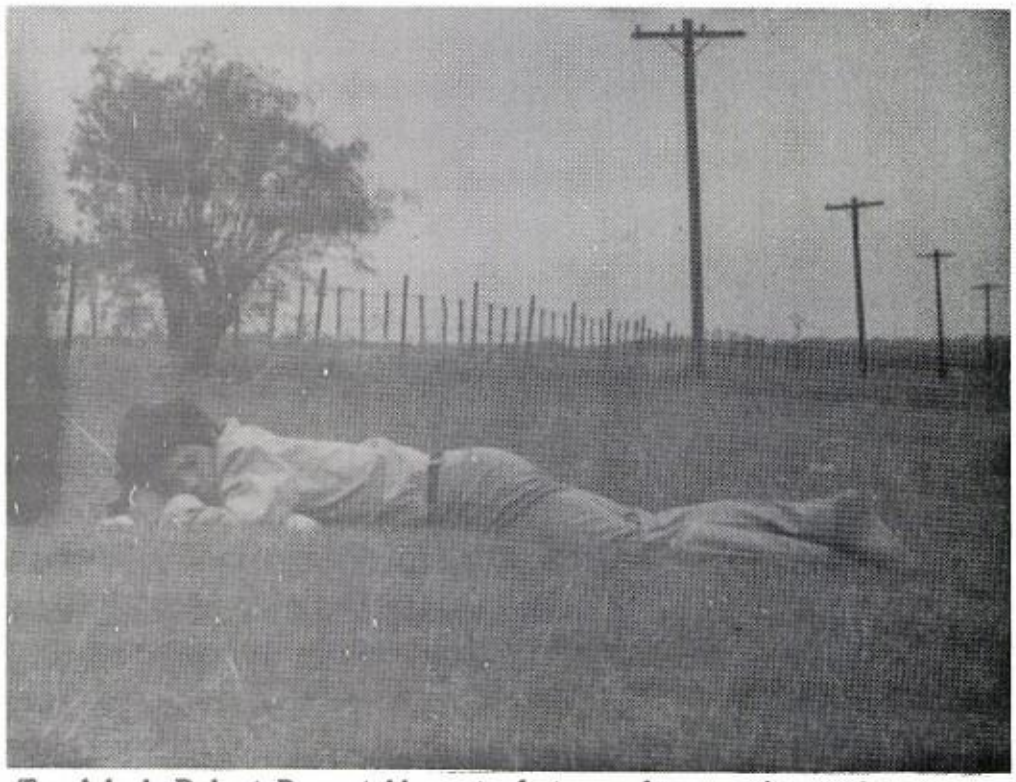
"Coach" Eddie Huse gives the team instructions during the big game.

Well, Bridey has got to go somewhere when she's tired.

Notice how everybody stands aside when Nitschmann comes down the hall?

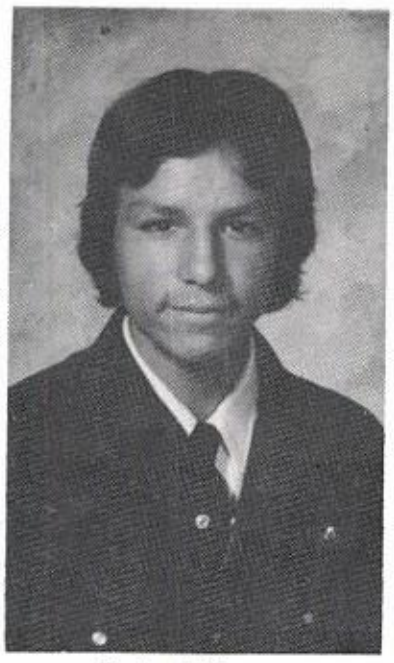
Whatever Dickey is looking for, I sincerely hope he finds it.

"Bomber" arrives in Schulenburg the easy way; no gas bills.



Tough luck, Robert. Payne told you to shut up or he was going to kick you out of the car.

Sophomore Class



Roland Rivera
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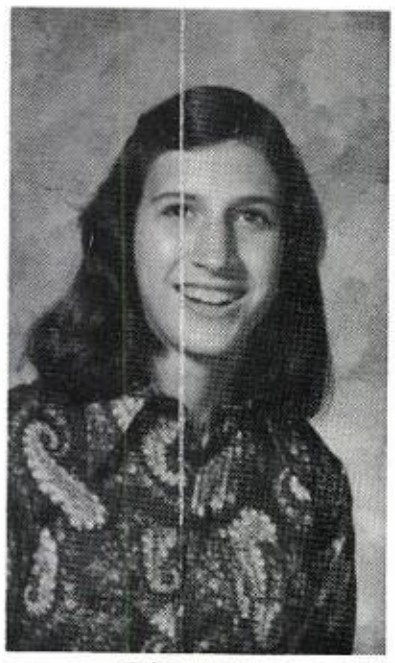

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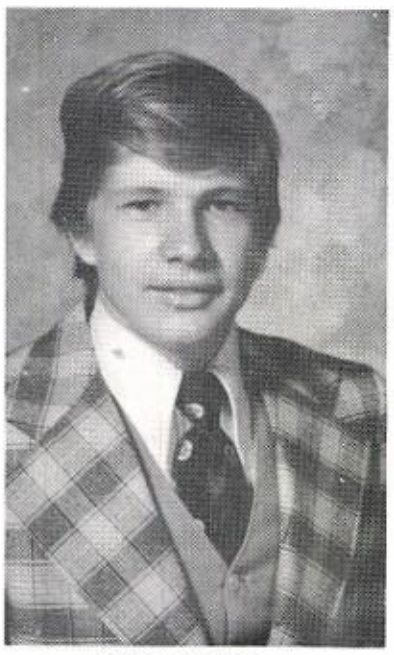
Doug Hungerford enroute to assembly.

During an assembly may not be the right time for a fire drill.



Ricky Danko
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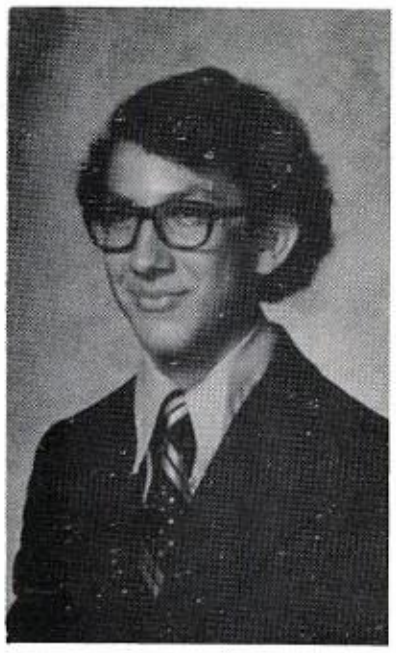

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John Belz

Deborah Schroeder

John McNeill

Chris Denison, Oscar De Los Santos

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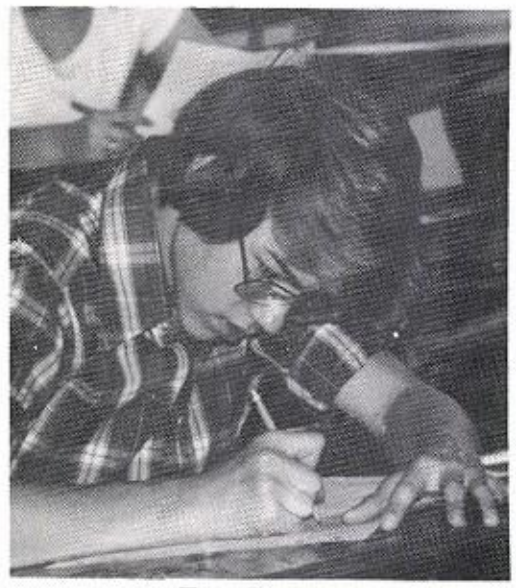

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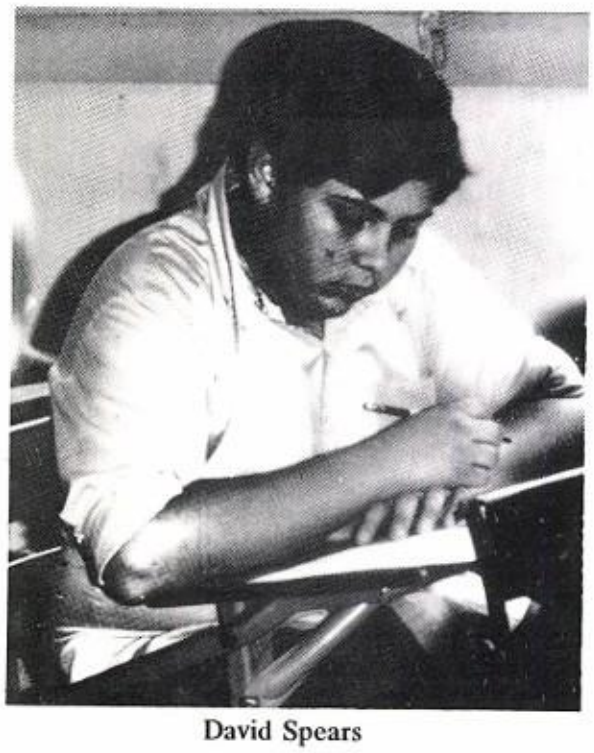

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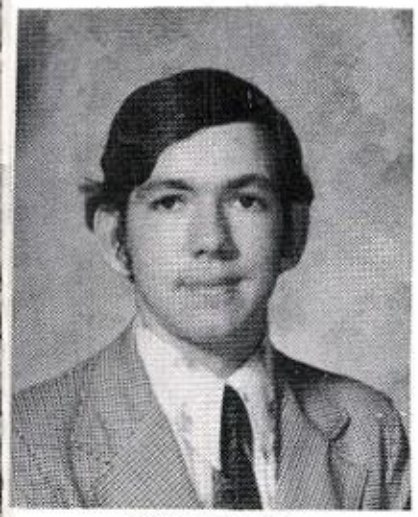

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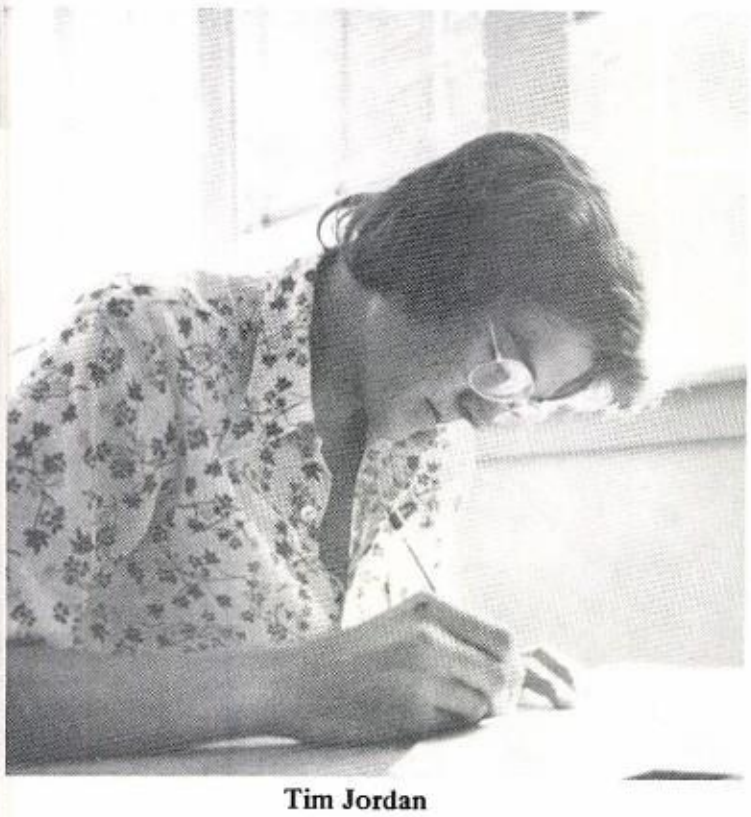

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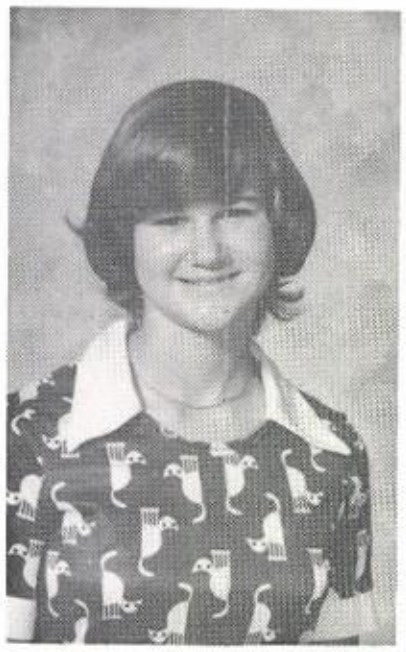

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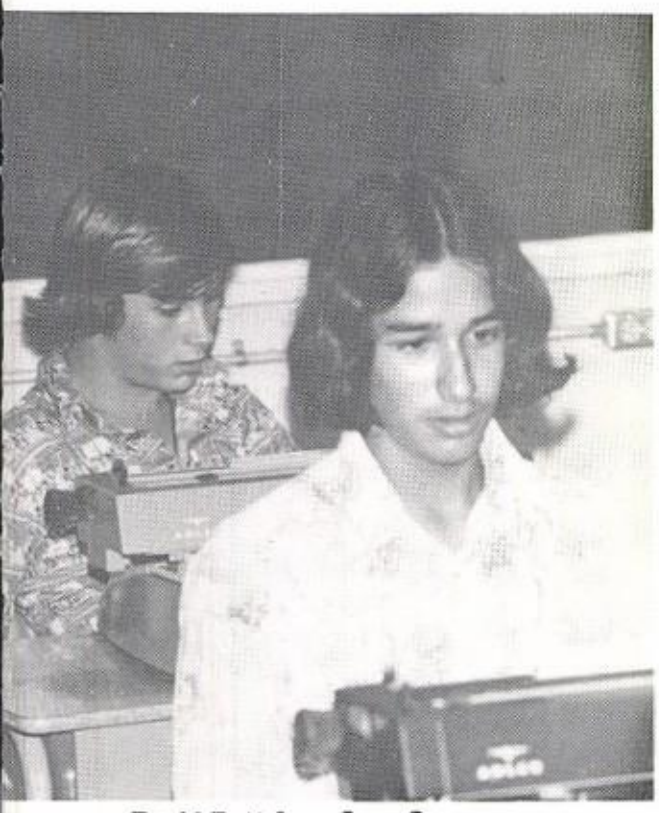

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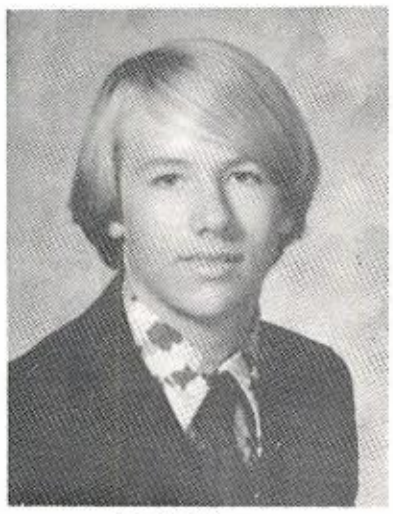

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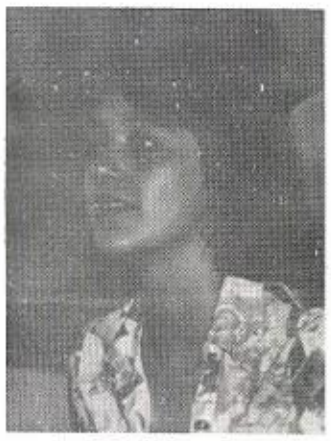

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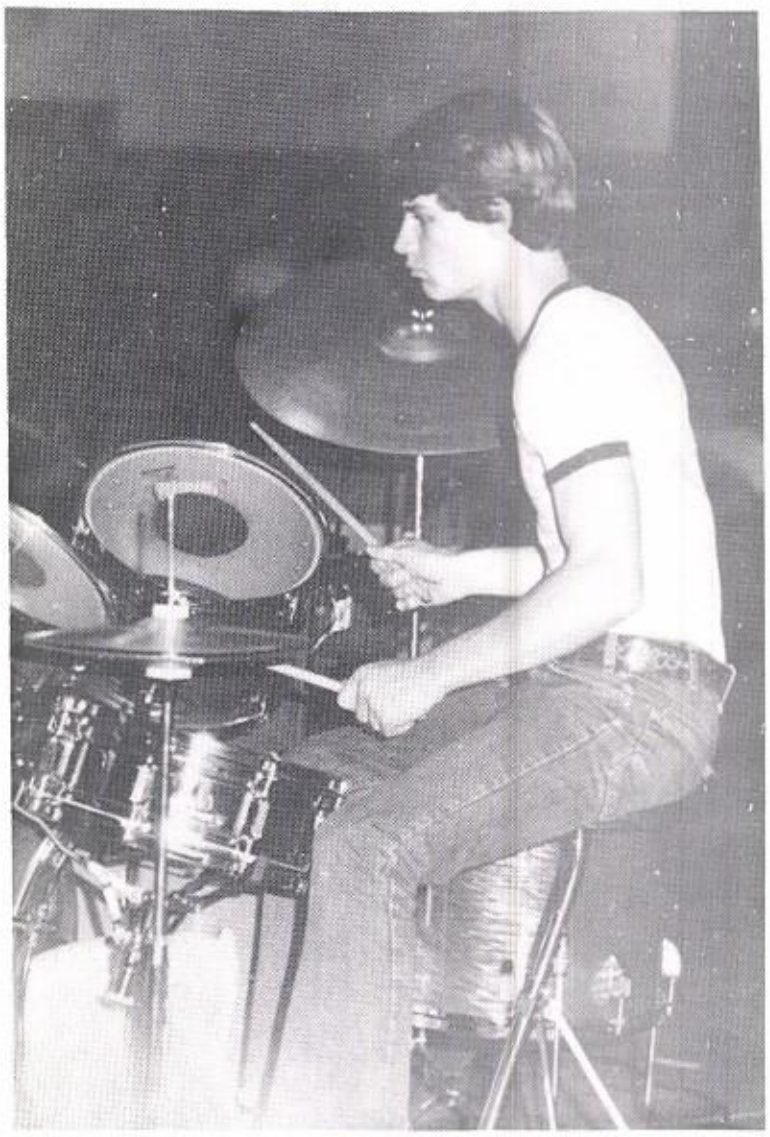
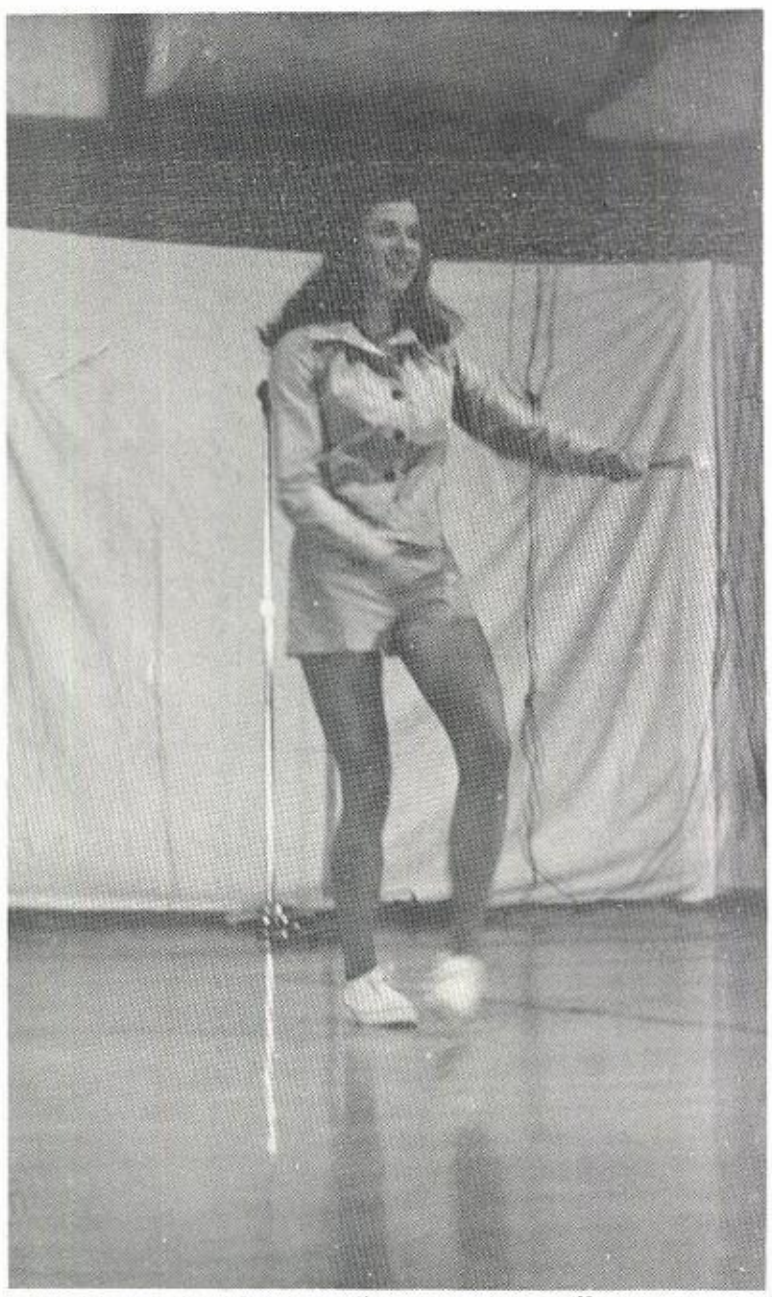
Katherine Goldman during talent night. Her performance was one to be remembered.

Students Share Talent



Brent Manning "drummin' away" during talent night. Brent was "Mr. Sticks" for the evening.



Melanie Enke performs to "The Lonely Bull" at the Senior-sponsored Talent Show. Melanie was All-State in basketball this year, went to State in track and was head cheerleader.

Roger Welder and Brent Manning livened up the Senior Talent Show.

T.C.I.L. State Rally

Twenty-nine representatives from St. Joseph traveled to Dallas on March 26 for the annual TCIL Rally, held at the University of Dallas.

Trophies were won in Spanish, Chemistry, and Journalism. First place awards went to the cast of the Spanish play: Peggy Roznovsky, Margie Alvarez, Dan Bomersbach, Evelyn Artero, and Robert Sustaita; and to Mary Ann Gohlke for a news story in Journalism. Second place was taken by Bridey Dunn, James Stathis, and Tim Moreman in the Chemistry Bowl, Linda Mullino for an editorial in Journalism, and Evelyn Artero for freehand drawing. Honorable Mention went to Mary Creager for a Spanish poem.

Also participating in Spanish competition were Valerie Cavazos, Oscar De Los Santos, and Stephanne Thompson.

Math representatives were Gail Duncan, Amy Williams, Elaine Morris, Ruth Daly, Lynne Freeland, Tami Rech, Judy Brennecke, and Jim Stathis.

In the History Bowl were Mary Beck, Ed Huse, Billy Atzenhoffer, David Rehak, David Pena, Debra Wearden, Kenneth Eisman, Christine Sifuentes, Dick Hanley, and Diane Fabian.

In Latin were Tami Rech, Gail Duncan, Ruth Daly, Lynne Freeland, and Elaine Morris.

Jounalism students also contributed articles for judging.

Ruth Daly and Amy Williams practice the piano during the State TCIL Rally.

Students and faculty pause outside a dorm at the University of Dallas before the day's Rally activities.

On the Good ?

Well, Mary, sleep wherever you find the room!

Looks like Ed had a rough trip. It also looks like he's having a rougher dream.

Eisman has found the trouble. "Hey!! It was a cat on the manifold!"

Ol' School Bus

Steph seems to get dramatic every now and then.

Mary Creager and Peggy Roznovsky during the Dallas trip. "You know, Mary, we can 'Se habla espanol' all we want to, and it still won't do us any good out here!"

Margie and Ruth stranded on the highway. "See, Daly? I told you to hurry up and come on, but no, you had to talk to that policeman, and now we've missed the bus!"

Debbie Wearden in a moment of thought at the State Rally.

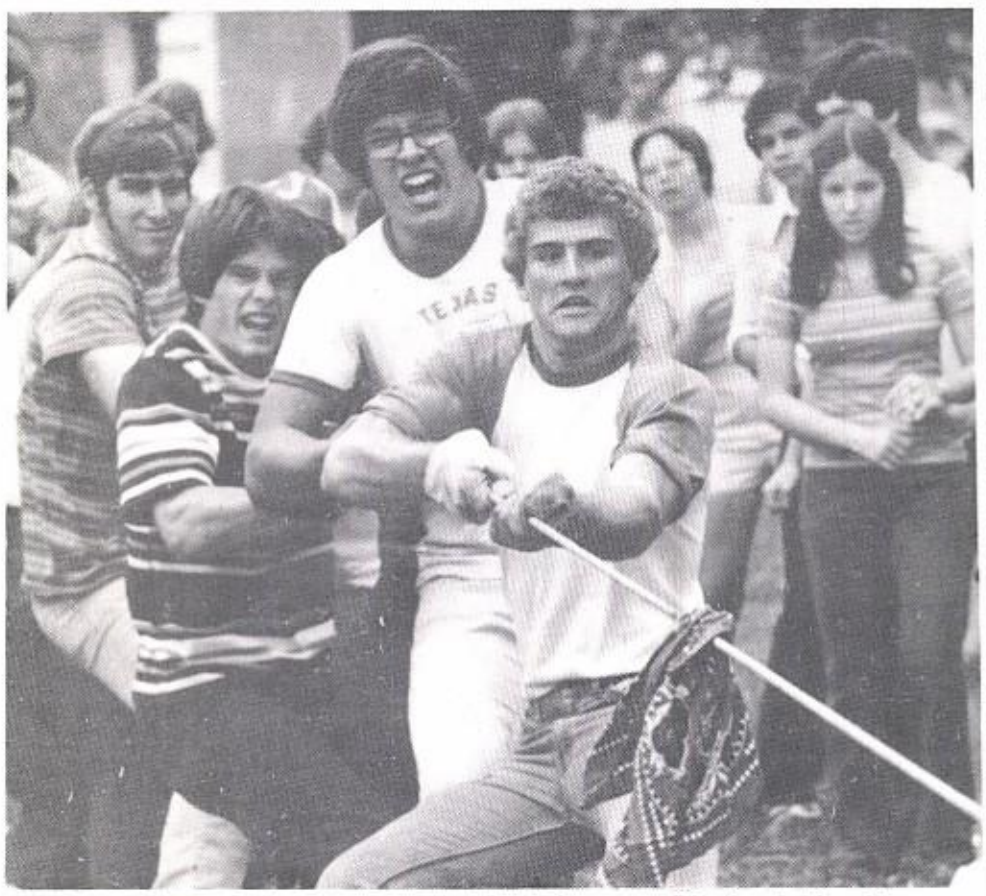
Evie Artero doesn't seem to mind the "Dallas Predicament." "Gosh, maybe I can get some good pictures with my camera!!"

Bicentennial Day

Looks like Ward forgot his horse, sooooooo . . . . . .

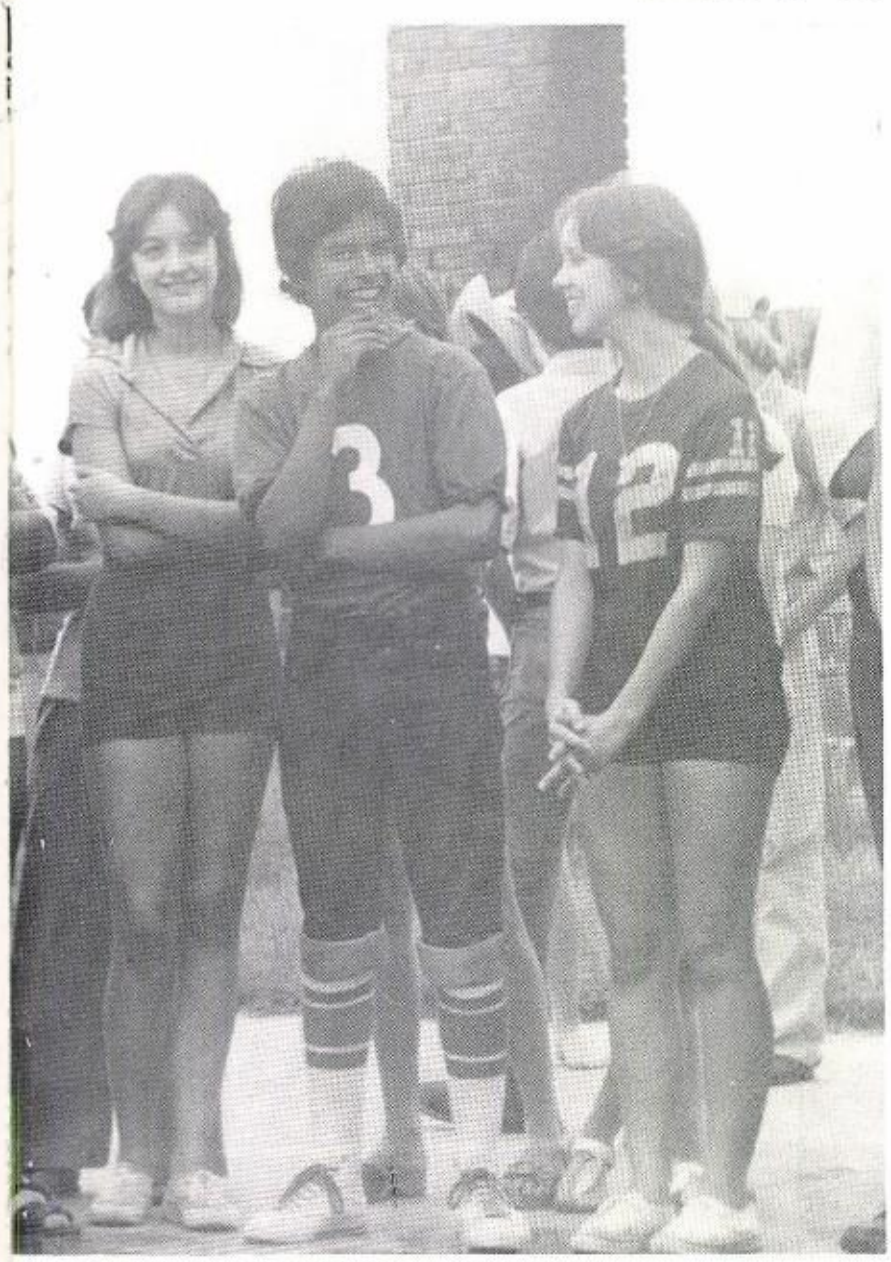
Teacher Lucy during the Bicentennial assembly.

"Ohhh say can you see?" Dana Moreau during the Spanish presentation.



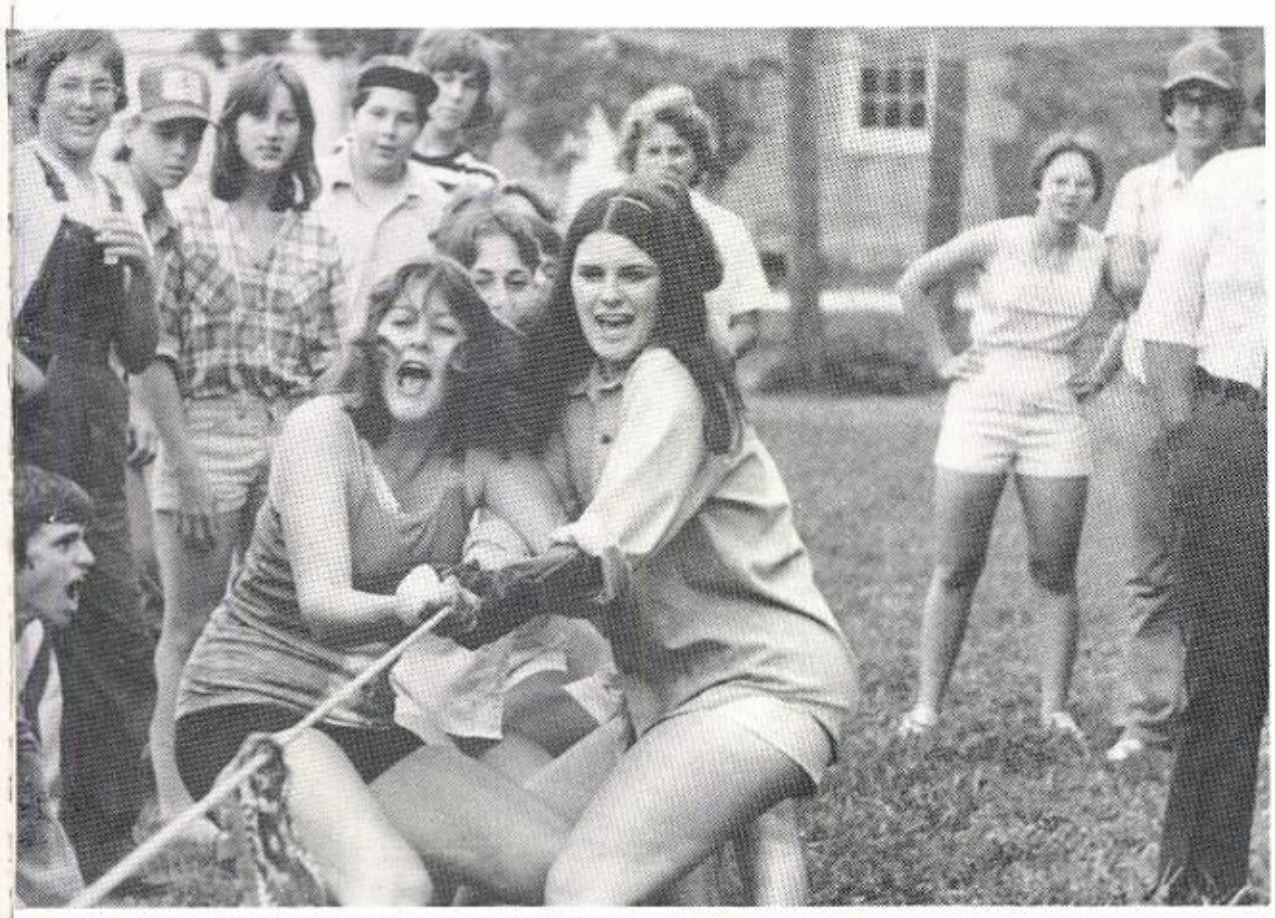
"Ohhh wow! That kid with the mouth full of potato chips is sticking his tongue out at us!"

Let's Tug!

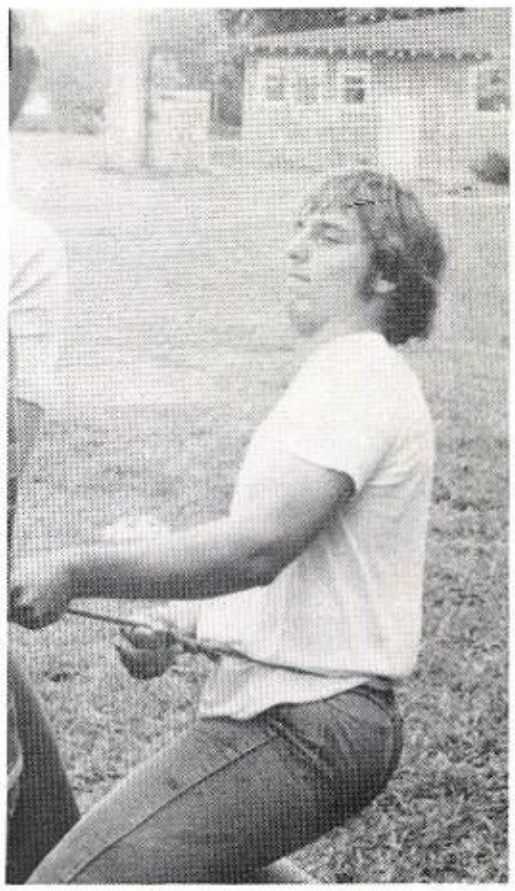


A word of advice, Hinojosa, beware of strangers.

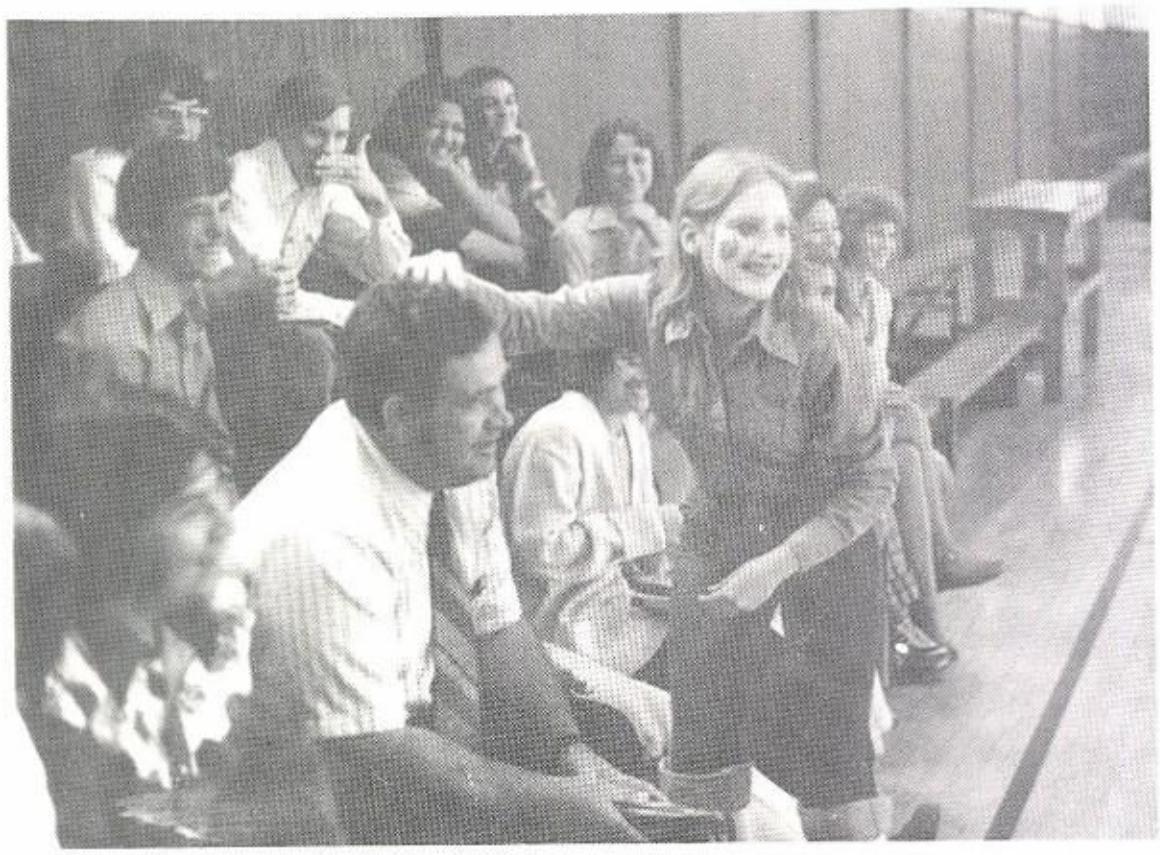
Looks like Denise is in trouble. "You know guys, it would be easier if I had some help."



Junior girls give the heave-ho during the tug-of-war.

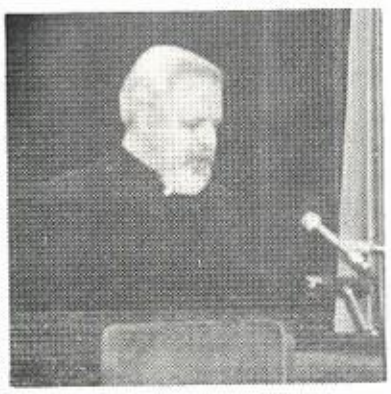


Looks like Paul better slack up and sit down.



Hey, Coach, don't you love it when beautiful women run their fingers through your hair?

Father McGrath delivering his talk to the student body in January.

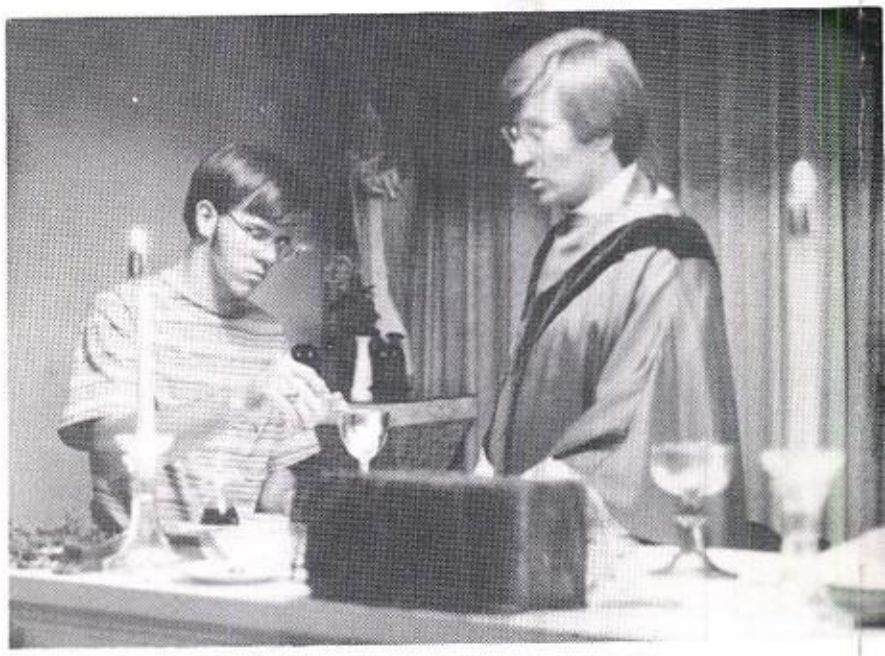


Rev. William Kelly delivers his address to the Class of '76 at the Graduation ceremonies.

The Stroman High School Stage band in action at the St. Joe Gym.

Father Richard Toal during the Sports Banquet.

Father Patrick Marron attending the May 18 Sports Banquet.



Father Casey and altar assistant, David Pounds, during a Senior Mass.

IN MEMORIAM

"I have broken out of my prison
. . . but I am still not free.
I have been comforted in weakness
. . . yet I have too little strength.
I have experienced the warmth and
depth of human friendship
. . . but I am not fulfilled.
I seek, I give, I possess
and yet I yearn———
It is You I seek, O Lord,
my unlosable friend forever.
Fill me up, Lord,
complete me ———
I will be restless . . .
Until I rest in You."

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mr. Fred Clark	(Mrs. Daly's Father)
Mrs. Mary Novosad	(Sr. Alberta's Mother)
Mr. Edward Pargac	(Jim Stathis' Uncle)
Mrs. Johnnie Dehiner	(Coach Hannon's Aunt)
Ms. Mary Conti	(Debbie's Great Aunt)
Mrs. Joseph Conti, Sr.	(Debbie's Grandmother)
Mrs. Frances Hock	(Judy Brennecke's Grandmother)
Mr. Jim Kubicek, Sr.	(Rusty's Grandfather)
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GERALDINE ADAMCIK-Vocational Youth Group Activity (1-4); J.V. Basketball (2); CCD teacher (3-4); Return of 1776 Award (4).

DENNIS LEE BAROS-Class Officer (1); Class President (2); J.V. Football (1-2); J.V. Basketball (1-2); J.V. Baseball (1); Varsity Football (3-4): Varsity Baseball (3); Student Council Representative (3).

DONNA D'ANN CARAWAY-TALA (1); Valentine Court (1); Choral (1-2); FTA (2); Jr. Classical League (2); Student Council (1-2-3); Prom Steering Committee (3); Prom Duchess (3); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); First Lt. (4); Homecoming Nominee (4); Annual Staff (4); Blue & White Staff (4).

MICHAEL CAVAZOS-Football (1-2); Football Manager (3-4); Baseball (1-2-3-4); Basketball (1-2-3-4); Blue & White (3); Class Flirt (4).

DEBBIE CONTI-Choral (I); TACH (1); Class Secretary (3); Drill Team (1-2-3); Blue & White Staff (4); Annual Staff (4); Softball (4); Prom Steering Committee (3).

MELANIE ANN ENKE -TACH (2); Drill Team (2-3); First Lt. (3); NHS (2-3-4); Class Secretary (2); Prom Steering Committee (3); Student Council Vice President (3); All District Honorable Mention Basketball (3); Varsity Basketball (1-2-3-4); Track (1-2-3-4); TCIL All Tourney (4); All District Basketball (4); Head Cheerleader (4); Annual Staff (4); Co-editor Blue & White (4); Most Friendly (4); Optimist Club Award (4); Girl of the Month (4); All School Favorite Nominee (4).

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ANTOINETTE GLEINSER-TACH (1); Choral (1-2-3); Tri-M (1-2-3); Legion of Mary (2); Track (2).

MARY ANN GOHLKE-Attendance Award (1); Valentine Court (2); TCIL Convention - Cum Laude Certificate (2); Jr. Classical League (2); NHS (2-3-4); Secretary - Treasurer NHS (3); FTA (2); Student Council (2-3); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); Prom Steering Committee (3); Co-editor Blue & White (4); Co-editor Annual (4); Most Studious (4); Girl of the Month Nominee (4); First Place TCIL Rally Journalism (4); Third Place Bicentennial Essay (4); Honored at Northside Rotary Club (4); Starlighter Hall of Fame (4); Salutatorian (4); Vir Excellens Nominee (4).

KATHERINE GOLDMAN-Choral (1-2); Basketball J.C. (1); Track (2); Class Favorite (2); Drill Team (2-3); Class Treasurer (2).

FROSTY HANLEY-Football (1-2-3-4); Baseball (2-3); Blue & White (1-2-3-4); Student Council (3-4); Student Council Vice-President (3); Student Council President (4); Class President (3); Class Vice-President (2); Prom Committee (3); Band (1-2); Homecoming Escort (4); Annual Staff (4).

CATHERINE HILLER-Library Club (1); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); Choral (2) Annual Staff (4); Blue & White (4); Varsity Basketball (1-2-3-4); All District Honorable Mention (3); All District (4); All State (4); All State Tourney Player (4); Softball (4); Bicentennial Award 2nd Place (4); Homecoming Nominee (4); Prom Queen (4); Starlighter Best Dancer (4).

MARY GRACE KALINOWSKI-TALA(1); Drill Team (2-3); Vice-President (1); FTA (2); Blue & White Staff (4); Annual Staff (4); Class Favorite (1).

LANEY KELLIHER-TALA (1); Vice-President (2); Treasurer (3); Prom Steering Committee (3); Annual Staff (4); Blue & White Staff (4); Drill Team (1-2-3); First Lt. (3); Outstanding Achievement Award SMU (3); Best Dressed (4); Nominee for Girl of the Month (4).

LONNIE KOEHL-JV Football (1-2); Varsity Football (3-4); JV Basketball (2); Prom Court (3); Homecoming Escort (4); Best Dressed (4); All School Favorite Nominee (4).

DENESE MARTIN- Student Council (2-3-4); FTA (2-3); Class President (2-3); Prom Steering Committee (3); National Honor Society (2-3); Tri-M (1-2); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); First Lt. (4); Historian (4).

LINDA MULLINO-Class Treasurer (1); FTA (1); Choral (1-2); Tri-M (1-2); FBLA (2); Perfect Attendance Award (2); Prom Steering Committee (3); Class Favorite (3); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); All School Favorite Nominee (4); Blue & White Staff (4); Annual Staff (4); Class Cut-up (4); Second Place TCIL Rally Journalism (4).

BRYON PANTEL-Basketball (1-2-3-4); Baseball (1-2-3-4); Blue & White (3); Prom Steering Committee (3): Best Looking (4).

DAVID POUNDS-JV Basketball (1); Blue & White (1-2-3); Football (2-3-4).

LEE PRIBYL-Basketball (2-3-4); Football Manager (2-3-4); Prom Duke (3); Prom Prince (4); All School Favorite Nominee (4); Homecoming Escort (4).

JULIE SARTOR-Prom Duchess (3); Prom Princess (4); Softball (4); Basketball (4); Annual Staff (4) Class Treasurer (4); Homecoming Nominee (4).

DEBBIE SCHAAR-TACH (2) TACH Secretary (2); Choral (2); Tri-M (2); Drill Team (1-2-3-4); Second Lt. (2); Captain (3-4); Valentine Court (2); Vice-President (3); Blue & White (4); Annual Staff (4); Homecoming Nominee (4); Most Likely To Succeed (4).

ROBERT SOTO- Band (1-2): JV Basketball (1-2); Blue & White (2); Football (1-2-3-4).

JAMES STATHIS-Band (1-2-3-4); Manager (1); Secretary (2); Captain (4); NHS (2-3-4); Student Council (1); National Merit Finalist (4); Texas Chemical Council Award (4); Boy of the Month (4); Most Studious (4); Betty Crocker Award (4); Who's Who Among American High School Students (4); Honor Band (4); Division I Ratings in Classes I, II, III Solos; Blue & White Staff (4); Annual Staff (4); Vir Excellens Nominee (4); Valedictorian (4).

MOLLY STEVENSON-FTA (1); Choral (1-2); Tri-M (1-2); Student Council Treasurer (2); Drill Team (3); Jr. Classical League (2); Student Council Secretary (3); Prom Steering Committee (3); Track Manager (3); Annual Staff (4); Student Council (4); Basketball (1-2-3-4); Homecoming Queen (4); Prom Princess (4); All School Favorite (4); Girl's State (3); Most Spirited (4).

WILLIAM TAGLIABUE-Perfect Attendance (1-2-3-4).

FRANK TIBILETTI-Treasurer (2); Class Favorite (3); Boy's State (3); Who's Who Among American High School Students (3); Vice-President (3-4); NHS (2); Class Cut-Up (4); All School Favorite Nominee (4); Annual Staff (4); Vir Excellens Nominee (4).

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ROBERT VALENTA-JV Baseball (1); Student Council (3); Football (1-2-3-4).

JAMES VILLAFRANCA-Treasurer (1); Blue & White (1-2-3); Vice-President (2); Class Favorite (2); Track (1-2-3); Student Council (3-4); Football (1-2-3-4); Honorable Mention in Football (4); Prom King (4); All School Favorite (4); Most Spirited (4); Homecoming Escort (4).

LINDA VILLARREAL-Choral (1-3); FTA (1); TALA (2).

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FRANCES WARD-TALA (1); Track (1-2); Drill Team (2-3); Valentine Court (3); Class Secretary (4); All School Favorite Nominee (4); TACH Treasurer (2); Girl of the Month Nominee (4).

LAWRENCE WAGNER-Band (1-2-3); Honor Bandsman (1-3); Band Manager (2); Assistant Band Captain (3); Student Council (2); Football (4).

ROGER WELDER-JV Basketball (1); Treasurer (3); Prom Steering Committee (3); Boy's State (3); Homecoming Escort (4); President (4); Annual Staff (4); Student Council (4); DAR Good Citizen Award (4); Boy of the Month Nominee (4); Friendliest (4); Vir Excellens Award (4).

ROBERTA ZAFEREO-Track (1-2); Drill Team (1-2-3); Valentine Court (3); Basketball (1-2-3-4); All District (4); Softball (4); Attendance (1-2-3-4).

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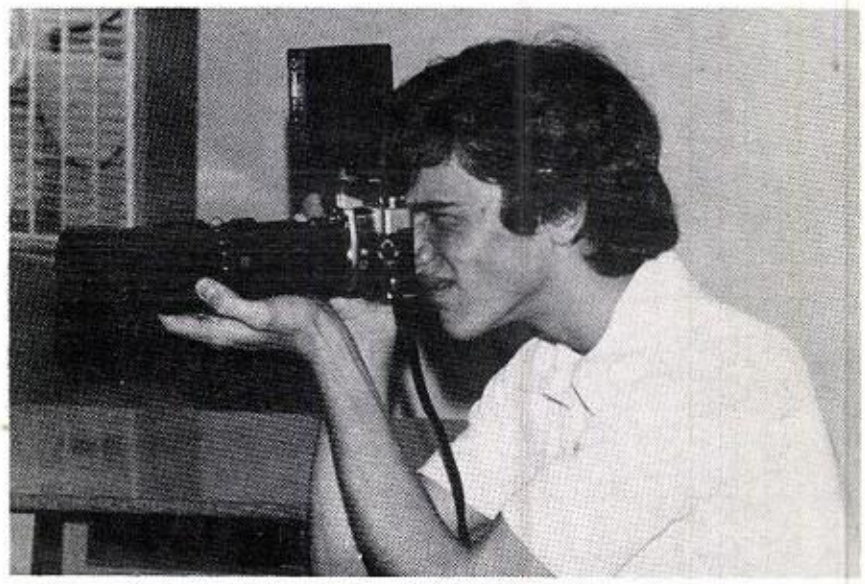

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